

# **JONATHAN PRESCOTT**

**1675-1755**

**A Founder of Kensington, New Hampshire**

**And Early Settler of Hampton & Hampton Falls, New Hampshire**

**Son of English Emigrant James Prescott,**

**A Founder Of Hampton Falls Parish and Kingston, N.H.**

**And His Son**

# **CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT**

**1696-1746**

**A Founder Of Kensington**

**And Early Settler of Hampton Falls, Who Dies**

**In The Greatest Colonial Victory That Few Have Ever Heard Of**

## **A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY**

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# The Prescott Memorial :

OR A

## GENEALOGICAL MEMOIR

OF THE

## PRESCOTT FAMILIES

IN AMERICA.

IN TWO PARTS.

BY WILLIAM PRESCOTT, M. D.,

FELLOW OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY ; MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,  
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HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ; HONORARY MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL  
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**JONATHAN PRESCOTT, 8/6/1675 – 1/6/1755**  
**Son of James and A Founder of Kensington, N.H.**

<https://archive.org/stream/prescottmemorialoopres/page/n258/mode/1up>    **The Prescott Memorial** (Pmem)

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*Issue of James Prescott (1) and Mary Boulter.*

2. 1. JOSHUA,(11) b. March 1, 1669; m. The record of this son is very deficient. We find no record of his marriage or death, nor the name of his wife, or the birth of but a part of his children. He removed from Hampton Falls to Kingston as early as 1725, as he was one of the members of the church when first gathered or organized there, Sept. 29, 1725. His name appears as an inhabitant of Hampton Falls in 1722. In 1727, he and his son Nathan are found to be inhabitants of Kingston. He resided a part, if not all of the time, after leaving Hampton Falls, in that part of Kingston, which, since 1738, has constituted the town of East Kingston. It is a tradition in the family that he did not marry until 38 to 40 years of age, which the date of the birth of his children would seem to confirm.
3. 2. JAMES, JR.,(22) b. Sept. 1, 1671; m. March 1, 1695, Maria Marston, dau. of William Marston, Jr., and Rebecca Page, (dau. of Robert and Lucy Page, one of the first settlers of Hampton). She was b. May 16, 1672. They were both admitted to the church, Oct. 10, 1697. Maria d. He m. June 17, 1746, for a second wife, widow Abigail Sanborn; she was dau. of Edward Gove, one of the first settlers of Hampton. She m. 1st, Deacon Philemon Dalton, in 1690. After his death, she m. 2d, Deacon Benjamin Sanborn, in 1724, being his third wife; after his death, she m. James Prescott, as above. James, Jr., was a farmer, and resided near his father upon the opposite (west) side of the road leading from the Hampton Falls Academy to Exeter. He was styled *Sergeant*, as, by the Hampton record, Sergeant James Prescott was chosen one of the constables in 1707; also, Sergeant James Prescott was at Port Royal, six months, from March to Sept., 1701. He was also deacon of the church.
4. 3. REBECCA,(30) b. April 15, 1673; m. Dec. 3, 1691, Nathaniel Sanborn, son of Lieut. John Sanborn and Mary Tucke (one of the first settlers of Hampton), and b. Jan. 27, 1666. They were admitted to the church, Nov. 14, 1697. She d. Aug. 19, 1704, leaving five children. He m. for a second wife, Sarah Nason, and had six children; he d. Nov. 9, 1723.
5. 4. JONATHAN,(35) b. Aug. 6, 1675; m. Elizabeth ——. He settled in that part of Hampton, which, since 1737, has constituted the town of Kensington. He was admitted to the church, March 5, 1749, in his 74th year. Elizabeth, his wife, was admitted, Aug. 29, 1708; he d. at Kensington, Jan. 6, 1755, in his 80th year. He was one of the petitioners for the new town of Kensington, in 1736. In 1696 he labored seven days at Fort William and Mary, and



(note his sister Mary's story; brothers John and Nathaniel join Jonathan in settling Kensington)

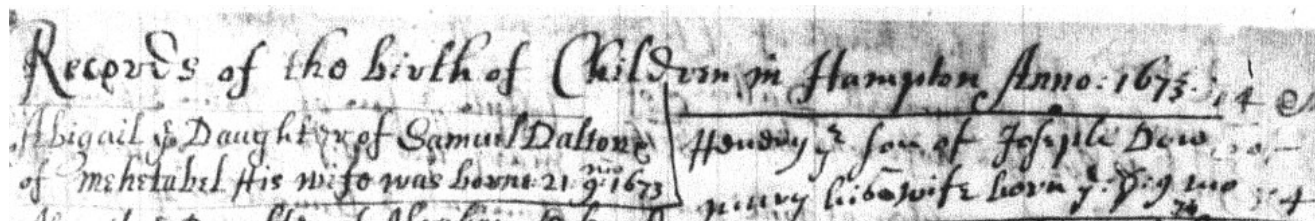
in 1710 was one of a scouting party under Capt. John Gilman. (See Rep. Adj't. Gen. New Hampshire, 1866, p. 34.)

6. 5. MARY,(41) b. June 11, 1677; m. Jabez Coleman, Nov. 2, 1699. He was the son of Tobias and Ann Coleman of Rowley, Mass., and b. in Rowley, May 27, 1668. Tobias was the son of Thomas Coleman, the emigrant, who purchased one twentieth part of the island of Nantucket, of the first ten proprietors, in 1659. Jabez settled, first, in Hampton, but became one of the first settlers of Kingston, where he and his son Joseph were killed by the Indians, while at work in the field, on the 4th of Sept., 1724, one ball passing through his neck and another through the hip. Number of children not known. (See N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register, vol. xi., p. 347, and vol. xii., p. 129; also, N. H. Gazetteer, Article Kingston). She m. 2d, Thomas Crosby, Nov. 9, 1730, and for a third husband, she m. a Mr. Bean; she died in 1740, a. 63.
7. 6. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 19, 1679, and was a twin sister to Patience. She m. Richard Bounds, Nov. 2, 1699, on the same day with her sister Mary and Jabez Coleman. He was a tailor and settled in Portsmouth, N. H., where he was living in 1714.
8. 7. PATIENCE, b. Nov. 19, 1679, d. young. She and Abigail (above) were gemini or twins.
9. 8. JOHN,(42) b. Nov. 19, 1681; m. Abigail Marston, Aug. 8, 1701, dau. of James Marston and Dinah Sanborn of Hampton (probably a dau. of Lieut. John). She was b. March 17, 1679; admitted to the church, Feb. 22, 1702, and d. in Kensington, Dec. 30, 1760, a. 81 yrs. 9 mos. He was admitted to the church, June 6, 1721, and both were transferred from the church at Hampton Falls to that at Kensington in 1737, and back again to Hampton Falls, March 7, 1742. He was in His Majesty's service in 1707; also, in Capt. Davis' scouting party, in 1712. He d. in 1761, a. 80. Among other articles named in his will, which was proved in 1761, are the following: a sword, a gun, a pair of pistols and holsters, powder-horn, &c.
10. 9. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 19, 1683; m. Ann Marston, sister to Abigail, who m. John Prescott, (9) Dec. 30, 1703. She was b. Feb. 16, 1681, and d. in Kensington, Dec. 10, 1761, a. 80. They were admitted to the church at Hampton Falls, July 19, 1713, and transferred to that of Kensington in 1737. He d. Feb. 26, 1771, a. 87 years 3 mos.; his will was proved, Sept. 4, 1771. No issue. He was in His Majesty's service in 1707.

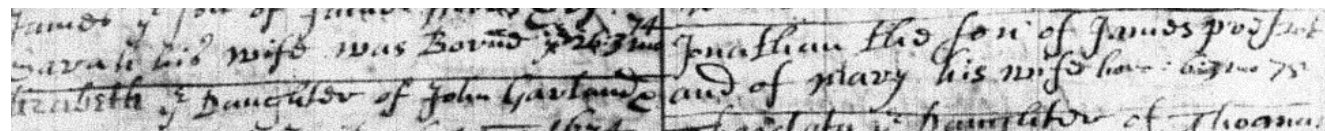
## 1675 March 6 Jonathan Birth-Entry In Hampton Town Records (HTR), vol.2 p.212

"Jonathan the Son of James Prescott and of Mary his wife born: 6: 3mo 75"

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## 1675 March 6 Jonathan Birth Re-Certificate, 1906 Hampton Town Clerk

(NH Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics)

Child's Name	Jonathan Prescott		
Date of Birth	6. 3 mo. 1675		
Place of Birth			
Sex	Male	Color	
Living or Stillborn			
No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc.			
Father's Name	James Prescott		
" Birthplace			
" Color		Age	
" Residence			
" Occupation			
Mother's Maiden Name	Mary		
" Birthplace			
" Color		Age	
" Occupation			
Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said Birth.			
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.			
I hereby certify that the above birth record is a correct transcript as required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.			
Horace M. Lane			
Clerk of	Hampton		
Date	April 19, 1906		

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK3-3BB?i=1079&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AFLPM-CQV>



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master. He then got on his hands and knees, and said, "Lord's Prayer, and died contented."

He was in Capt. Philemon Blake's company. He was a large man, and anecdotes are told of his strength. He was a soldier in the battle of the Clouds, and it is said that he cut the tree down which was the source of a basinful of bullets. The story is told of a soldier who was on the borders of Exeter, and is well remembered by the people.

He found a man washing his face in the brook, the man, who seemed to be a stranger, said that he looked like a soldier, and was coming, when Jude saw him. He said, "Brother, you are a soldier."

The population of Kensington was 755 in 1767, and 797 in 1790. In 1767 there were 755 inhabitants; in 1790 there were 797.

John Dow, Nathaniel Worthington, and Ebenezer to choose delegates to the Provincial Congress.

Chosen representative to the Provincial Congress.

Chosen delegate to the Provincial Congress.

Prescott, 1818-21; Jeremy Bachelder, 1826-28; Smith Lamprey, 1829-33; none, 1823, 1834, 1844, 1848, 1851-53, 1855-56, 1873-74; Josiah Prescott, 1835-36; Benjamin Moulton, 1837-38; John T. Blake, 1839-41; Lewis Grove, 1842; John Nudd, 1843; Ira Blake, 1845-46; Julius C. Blodgett, 1847; Abel Brown, 1849, 1854; Jeremiah Poor, 1850; Stephen Brown, 1857, 1863; Joseph Brown, 1858; Newell Dow, 1859; Jonathan Palmer, 1860; Daniel Prescott, 1861-62; Daniel G. York, 1864, 1868, 1876; John A. Blake, 1865-66; Henry C. Tuck, 1867, 1870; Edward Brewer, 1871; John G. Dow, 1872; Weare N. Shaw, 1875; Daniel E. Palmer, 1877; George Page, 1878; Francis Hilliard, 1879-80; Lewis B. Tilton, 1881-82.

**Military History.**—While Kensington was a part of Hampton, some of its inhabitants were in scouting-parties or in building forts on the frontier. Jonathan Prescott, who was born in 1675, labored at Crown Point in 1696, and was in a scouting-party under Capt. John Gilman in 1710. John Prescott was in a scouting-party in 1707 and in 1710. Nathaniel Prescott was in his Majesty's service in 1707. Doubtless many others were engaged in defending the early settlements from the attacks of the French and Indians, or in ranging the borders, though we may not find the records of their deeds.

May 2, 1747, it was voted at the parish-meeting "that all those men who went to Cape Breton and stayed all winter should be quit from paying rates for their heads that year in the Parish."

In the seven years' war with the French and Indians the soldiers of Kensington took an active part. In 1755, Samuel Prescott, who was born June 26, 1729, was lieutenant-colonel in Col. Peter Gilman's regiment, that was raised to reinforce the army near Lake George. He died Nov. 20, 1797. Capt. Ezekiel

<https://archive.org/details/historyofrockingham/page/360>

**1694 July 12-19 Jonathan Works At Fort In New Castle (Portsmouth, now Fort Constitution)**  
(New Hampshire State Papers [NHSP] vol.17 p.640-1; excerpted)

[1-93]

[Certificates. Soldiers and Workmen on the Fort, 1694.]

July the 14<sup>th</sup> 1694

This may Sertify whome It may Concern That Jacob Brown of Hampton hath wrought Ten days at their foart W<sup>m</sup> and Mary ffinding his own provisions

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This may Certify whome it may Consern y<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Tilton of Hampton wrought at their Majestys Forte at New Castle from the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1694 untill y<sup>e</sup> 19, being 14 days and provided himself 7 days provision

Shadrach Walton Cap<sup>t</sup>

allowed in Councile 9<sup>br</sup>: 30: 94 £1. 8. 0

[Same certificate relative to John Hussey, Stephen Swett, and Jonathan Prescott, from July 12 to 19, except residence. — ED.]

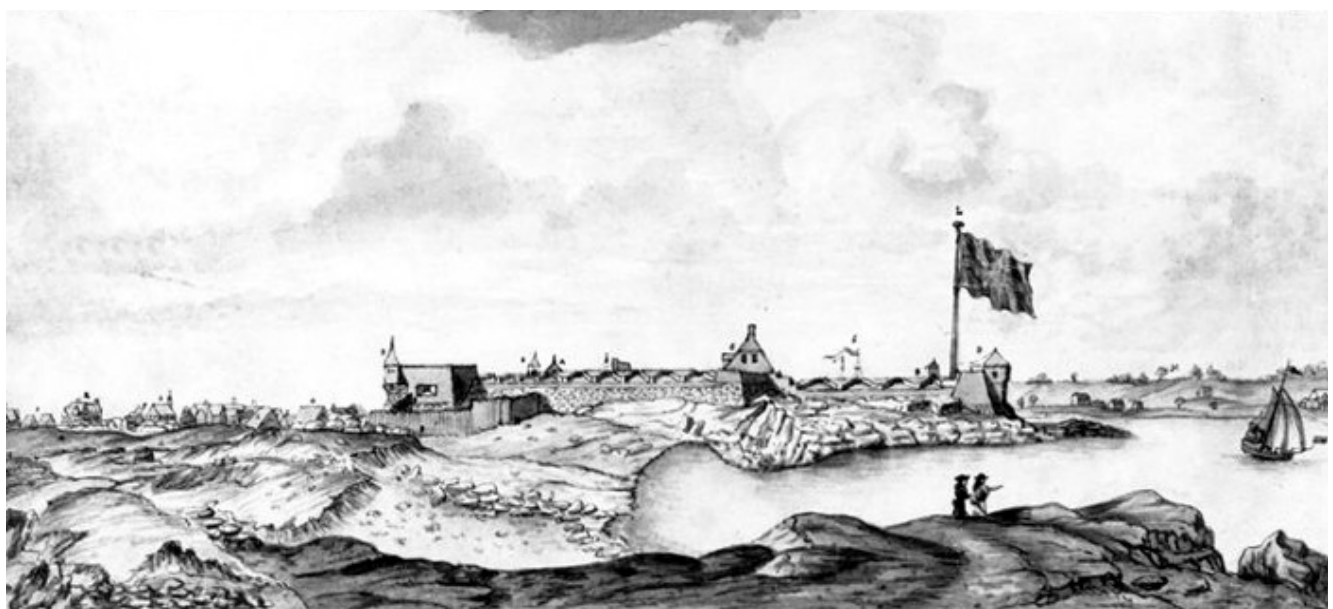
From Roland Sawyer's History Of Kensington (1946), page 191 :

in early history. Here we find our first record of service by a Kensington man. Jonathan Prescott, who later settled the farm now owned by Dr. Clifford G. Rounsefell, was in the service at the age of 20,



[http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort\\_Constitution\\_\(2\)](http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort_Constitution_(2))

In 1696, Jonathan helped fortify Fort William & Mary, now Fort Constitution at New Castle in Portsmouth, NH. Notice the large, irregular boulders. Located on a present day Coast Guard base, this may be the oldest (1631) continually occupied military site in the United States.



**Fort William and Mary, New Hampshire, 1705**

[http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort\\_Constitution\\_\(2\)](http://www.fortwiki.com/Fort_Constitution_(2))



**395** Soldiers' Assignments of Pay to the Town. Aug. 24, 1676. — Bodge 370.

**396** Tax List 8 May 1680.  
— N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 57, Prov. Papers i. 424 (Court Files v. 111).

Jon. wherever in this paper means John.  
Alter Phillips to Phillip Towle.

**397a** Inquest, John Godfrey's child, July 13, 1680. — N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 45.

**397b** Inquest, Nathl. Smith, 31 July 1680.  
— N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 49.  
Alter Heat Lovet to Areat.

**398** Aged Men's Petition, 2 Mar. 1683-4.  
— N. H. Prov. Papers i. 457.

Alter John Drown to John Brown.  
Alter Isaiah to Isaack Perkins.  
Alter Anthony Tabor to Anthony Talor.

**399a** Military Service, 1694-1696.

Arrests for Rioting — throwing down fences in town bounds dispute. Warrant served by Aaron Moses on ten men, and bail taken: [N. H. Prov. Papers xii. 102-109.

John Redman for his son John Redman.

Jacob Wedgewood for John Levett.

Abraham Cole for David Wedgewood.

Isaac Marston for Caleb Marston.

Thomas Roby for James Perkins.

James Perkins for Thomas Roby.

John Lefet for Jacob Brown.

Jonathan Prescott for himself.

Samuel Telton, "cled."

ably outside of Kingston  
**Selectmen**

James Prescott Sen.

Isaac Godfrey

Gershom Elkins

**Town Clerk**

Nathaniel Sanborn

Frequent town meeting  
Dec. 19, 1700, grants v

patentees and six new n

Aaron Sleeper

Moses Elkins

Ichabod Robey

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Ebenezer Webster

Moses Elkins

Jonathan Sanborn

Ichabod Robey

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Samuel Colcord

James Prescott

Edward Fifield

A grant to 17 men, 1

Jacob Gilman

Samuel Colcord Jun.

Gershom Elkins

10 July 1702, 16 lots

Thomas Scribner

Nathan Taylor

A bond dated 30 Apr.

1696 DID JONATHAN "Get Her With Child And She Not Yet Being Brought To Bed"? Could Mary Cram be the mother of Jonathan Jr.?

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2 Estate List, Pauline

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nn, Manchester, N.H.

th, who married Israel  
preceding paragraph,  
*History of Hampton*  
the sister of Nathaniel  
th were involved in the

married Israel Clifford." Dow, like Dr. William Prescott (author of *The Prescott Memorial*) did not pick up on the marriage of Sarah Clifford, daughter of Israel and Ann, to Joshua Prescott. Dow does include the birth date of Sarah as 10 May 1691 but speculates that she probably died young. [*History of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire*, Vol. I and II, Joseph Dow, Salem, MA 1893, pp 80, 84-85, 638, 977-978].

Descendants of Jonathan, son of James and Mary, will be interested in another legal case recorded in the Hampton court of sessions, 2 June 1696. "Whereas Jonathan Prescott of Hampton was bound over to this session to answer the complaint of Mary Cramm for getting her with child and she not yet being brought to bed, the court takes the same bond until the next session and the principal security owned the same in court." Jonathan Prescott had signed bond as principal with James Prescut, Sr., as security on 18 Mar. 1695/6 [*New Hampshire Court Records*, Vol. 11, p. 131-132, 217-218]. The question arose as to whether Jonathan had two children born about the same time or was his son Jonathan, born July 1696, the son of Mary Cram.

*Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire* [Sybil Noyes, et al., Baltimore, 1983, p. 568] states that Mary Cram accused him in June 1696 after he had married Elizabeth (Pulsifer) Clifford; that Jonathan died 6 Jan. 1755; that Elizabeth made her will that month naming her Clifford daughter and 3 of 6 Prescotts born between 1696 and 1709 as well as grandchildren. A copy of Elizabeth's will was sought to verify which 3 of the Prescott children she listed, as no wedding date was provided in the article. Elizabeth identified herself as the "widow relict of Jonathan Prescut of Hampton Falls...yeoman, deceased," and identified all six of Jonathan's children born between 1696 and 1709 in her will and claimed them as her own. "...daughter of my Daughter Abigail Lock Deceased...daughter to my Daughter Mary Hilyard Deceased...my son Jeremiah Prescut...my Son Joseph Prescut...my Son Jonathan Prescut Deceased...my Son Benjamin Prescut..." [*Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire*, Otis G. Hammond, ed. NH. 1936, Vol. 5, 1754-1756, pp 211-212.]

*Records. The Continuing*

1695/6 March 18 Jonathan Bail Posted By Dad James In Unnamed (Cram)  
Court Case. They both sign their Marks.

(New Hampshire State Archives [NHSArchives], Concord)

So be Remembered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> day of march 1695: Came before me  
Jos Smith one of his Majties Justices of peace Jonathan prescut of Hampton  
in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire Laborer and acknowledged him self to stand  
bound in a bond of 20: pounds. A James Prescut soner of y<sup>e</sup> town above  
to me of 20: pound all Current money of New England to stand bound in y<sup>e</sup>  
sums above sd to our Sovereign Lord King William over England  
Scotland, France & Ireland to him his Heirs & Successors y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> above  
sd Jonathan Prescut shall be of good Behaviour towards our Sovereign Lord  
y<sup>e</sup> King and all his Liege people, until y<sup>e</sup> next Quarter Sessions of y<sup>e</sup>  
peace to be holden in y<sup>e</sup> sd Province, as also for his appearance —  
then and there and not to depart without licence.  
Dated at Hampton y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> day of march 1695 the marks of  
Jonathan Prescut & James Prescut signed  
owned in a true writer bond this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of march 1695 before me  
Joseph Smith Justice of peace

Jonathan prescut  
the marks of  
James I prescut

NB, the calendar during colonial times can be confusing as some years are joined as in the  
above 1695/96; for an explanation see:

<http://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/hg/colonialresearch/calendar>



1696 June 2 Jonathan in Court for Mary Cram Complaint of "Getting her with child and she not yet being brought to bed", Postponed (last paragraph).  
(NHSArchives)

Province of N. Hampshire. At a Court of Sessions at Portm. June 2. 1696. 131  
Being present Joseph Smith Esq  
Henn. Dow, Th. Parker, Skadrach Walton Esq.  
Shadrach Atkinson, Jn. Walker  
The Sheriff, (und. Sheriff  
Wm Redford Clarke Esq.  
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of Hampton Wm Higfield, Jn. Goard  
Exor. Simon Wiggins, Sam. Thing: Dover  
Nath. Heard, Oys. W. River Tho. Chesly.  
New Castle, Edw. Kendle, Jn. Perry.  
Jury Called:  
Jn. Sam Jun. Horner: Hen. Williams. Joseph Berry  
Sam. Tibbitts Jn. Habers, Sam. East, Nath. Frothingham  
Is. Shoals Tho. Robie: Jn. Mead. & Sam. Jackson  
Hugh Gomey Richd. Morgan: Th. W. Dwyer: Jeremie  
Jury d. Walford: Wm. Hurlins: Xloph. Pottles:  
Xloph. Pottles. Whereas Jonathan Frost of Hampton  
was bound over to this Session to answer the  
Complaint of Mary Cram for getting  
her with Child, and she not being yet  
brought to bed, the Court takes the same  
Bond until the next Session, and the people  
and Security, owned the same in Court.  
Winthrop Hillson and Thomas Wilson both of



Though, it seems **SOMEBODY** was fined "50 shillings" for court costs.

(NHSArchives)

Mary Crum of Hampton having owned that she  
is got with Child by one Jon: am: Probst. She being  
a single woman, and the Case being presented to  
this Board, the Board order that all of Joseph  
Smith take the fine of fifty shillings,  
and Cost of Court 10<sup>00</sup>/6. and Return the same  
to the next Session.

(NHSArchives)

Jonathan Probst  
Hannah Crum  
Bond continued in  
Full Force to the  
next Session  
June 28/695



## One Month Later.....

1696 July 16 Jonathan Jr. (a.k.a. Captain) born

(HTR v.2 p.223)

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1698 Oct. 8 Jonathan's son Jeremiah born

1700 Nov. 2 Jonathan's son Benjamin born

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2MICROFILM\\_201802/page/n198](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2MICROFILM_201802/page/n198) (HTR v.2 p.196-8)

1702 January 12 Jonathan and James Jr. Granted Hampton Lots Among First In What Is Now Kensington ("First West Division"; more Divisions followed in the two decades ahead; see map page 45)

(see Kensington Master Plan , History: <https://www.town.kensington.nh.us/planning-board/pages/master-plan-documentation>)

(HTR v.2 p.150; excerpted)

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1702/3 March 23 Jonathan daughter Abigail born 1705 Dec. 27 Jonathan son Joseph born

Handwritten record of Abigail's birth: "Abigail the Daughter of Jonathan Prescott by Elizabeth his wife was Born 23 March 1702/3".

Handwritten record of Joseph's birth: "Joseph the Son of Jonathan Prescott by Elizabeth his wife was born 27 December 1705".

(HTR v2 pp.188.5,190) [https://archive.org/stream/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS\\_201802/HAMPTON%20RECORDS%20VOLUME%202%20PHOTOS#page/n272/mode/1up](https://archive.org/stream/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/HAMPTON%20RECORDS%20VOLUME%202%20PHOTOS#page/n272/mode/1up) [https://archive.org/stream/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS\\_201802/HAMPTON%20RECORDS%20VOLUME%202%20PHOTOS#page/n274/mode/1up](https://archive.org/stream/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/HAMPTON%20RECORDS%20VOLUME%202%20PHOTOS#page/n274/mode/1up)

1706 December 26 Jonathan's Livestock Brand (bottom)

(HTR v2 p317)

Handwritten record of livestock brands for December 26, 1706. The text lists brands for various animals, including horses and cattle, with specific markings on ears and sides. The entries include: "an account of every mans Ear", "Jacob Brown a crop on the Right Ear", "Ben: Moulton one Left Ear a Half Crop on the under Side", "Simon Dow a crop on the Left Ear and a notch under and in the Rig", "Henry Dow a crop on the Near Ear of two nockit under the Right Ear", "Samuel Dow the Left Ear a crop & a slit into the same Ear and two nockit under the Right Ear", and "Jonathan prescott a Half crop under the Right Ear and above the Left Ear".

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1707 Feb. 1 Hampton Grants Jonathan Lots (incl. 2<sup>nd</sup> West DivisionWD);He Signs His Mark

Handwritten record of Jonathan's land grant and signature. The text describes the grant of land to Jonathan, including the 119 lot in number and one share in the second north division. It also mentions that Jonathan is to have the 119 lot and James Hogg is to have the 54 lot of mittnes on his hands. The signature "James Hogg" is visible at the bottom right.

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME1PHOTOS\\_201802/page/n136](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME1PHOTOS_201802/page/n136)

(HTR v.1 p.136)



# 1707 Feb. 2 Jonathan Granted 1/3 Share In Common (bottom corner) In Tense Town Meeting

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(HTR v2 p157.5)

All a meeting of the Commoners the 2<sup>th</sup> day of febr. 1707

1<sup>ly</sup> Major Joseph Smith was chosen moderator for that meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dow was chosen Clarke for that meeting <sup>to take down deposits</sup> <sup>notes</sup>

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this is a Legioll meeting of the Commoners

4<sup>ly</sup> voted that no man presume for to vote at this meeting with out he have wright in the Comone with out payen A fine of five Shillings <sup>noted</sup>

5<sup>ly</sup> voted that Ephra: marston and Sam<sup>l</sup> Dow being both layes are appointed forthways out Joshua wingitt and here and quarter of Land at the South End of his Lot <sup>noted</sup>

6<sup>ly</sup> voted that John Knobel is to have one share in the north division of them shares that was left for the Commoners that is he is to have that share that is next to them that he bought <sup>noted</sup>

7<sup>ly</sup> Francis Ginnis is denyed to speak at this meeting

8<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Common be divided according to the opinion of the Committee this day Read in the meeting being the first article that is <sup>noted</sup>

1<sup>ly</sup> that w<sup>ch</sup> divide the Common as followith (viz) that first eighty Rode with in & former division be Resolved as a Common for future Conduicency after which one mile in length Inward both north and west be Equally divided in to two divisions each person to have his proportionable share in the north and west division Resolving one mile from the Sea west of also the distance betwixt Saltbary and line and the ~~new~~ line parting the province until further order whose names are under written do vote for it) <sup>noted</sup>

Joseph Smith 1 share	Timothy Hilgund - 1 share	Nath: Ward 1 share
Edman Johnson 1	Daniel Lamory - 1	Bonja Shaw Senior
John Samborn Sn: 2	Joseph monlton - 2	Ephra: marston
Joseph Dow - 1	John Smith - 2	Robert Ward
James Stanger - 1	Sam <sup>l</sup> Roby - 1	James Dow
Grace groden - 1	David Thoulton - 1	Samuel marston
Tho: warden - 2	James Johnson Sn: - 1	Daniel Tilton
John: Hildre - 1	William Hildre - 3 share	William Samborn
Nath: warden - 2	Bonja: Lamory - 1	Timothy Blake
Joseph Case - 1	John Smith Sn: - 1	Francis page
Robert Drake - 1	Sam <sup>l</sup> Smith - 1	Abra: Cole
Rich: Samborn - 1	James Rankins - 1	Mose: Samborn
Hump: Rankins - 1	Robert monlton - 1	Stephen Samborn
Tho: Samborn Sn: 1	Joseph Chase - 1	Jonathan monlton
Chora: Rankins - 1	Sam <sup>l</sup> Tilton - 2	
Tho: Louit - 1	John gent - 1	
Nath: Bachidn Sn: 3	Grace gentry - 1	Joshua wingitt - 1 share
John Stanger - 3	James phillips - 1	Stephen page - 1
Edman Johnson - 1	Sam <sup>l</sup> Samborn Sn: 1	John: fowler - 2
John Smith Sn: 1	Tho: marston - 2	John: fowler Sn: 1
John: Louit - 1	Grace & C <sup>th</sup> marston - 2	John: gentry - 1
Robert monlton Sn: 1	Joseph phillips - 1	Abra: Drake - 2
Moses Hays - 1	John Knobel Sn: 1	phils: Tilton - 1
John: Taylor - 1	Chris: page - 2	Joseph Smith - 2
John: Taylor - 1	Chris: phillips - 1	Sam <sup>l</sup> Samborn Sn: 1
		John: phillips - 1
		Bonja Samborn - 1
		Sam <sup>l</sup> Samborn - 1



# 1707 Feb. 6 Jonathan Buys 3/4 Share in Cow Common

(a.k.a. "Quarter Mile" -- see map page 45) From Thomas Ward.....

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds Book 13 Page 175-6)

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Ward of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England farmer for & in consideration of five pounds in money to me paid by Jonathan Prescott of the same town and Province, wherewith I do acknowledge my self fully satisfied & contented and thereof & every part & parcel thereof do fully acquit & discharge the said Jonathan Prescott his heirs Executors Administrators assigns for ever by these presents Have Given Granted bargained sold aliend Enfeoffed confirmed and Delivered unto him the said Jonathan Prescott unto his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns for ever half a share or Right in the Hampton Cow Common Not yett divided together with all y<sup>e</sup> Rights priviledges Commodities and appurtenances belonging thereto

Ward to Prescott:

excerpted

Thomas Ward have here unto sett my hand and seale the sixth day of february Anno Domini seventeen hundred & seven or Eight in the sixth year of Queen Anne her Majesty over Great Britaine &c.

Signed Sealed & Delivered

In presence of us

Thomas Ward

(Seal)

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## .....As Reported 1707/8 March 1

(Hampton Town Records HTR vol.3 p.2; excerpted)

March 1<sup>st</sup> - 170<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>

A true and perfect list of the shares of the Cow Common that have bin alienated from one to another and are now entred to the Right owners of it doe appear to the Comittie Chosen to Examine ther Right Either by gift purchase will or inheritance the sayd Comittie being Chosen the 23 february 170<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> by the proprietors

excerpted

first granted to the word and Robert Tuck

Jonathan Prescott three quarters of a share in the Cow Common half a one bought of Thomas Ward and one quarter of one bought of Benjamin Samborn that was William manton

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**1708 June 17 Jonathan Land Grant ("Second West Division"), Now Kensington**

(HTR v.2 p.161; excerpted)

At a Publick meeting of <sup>3</sup> freholders Commoners of the Towne of Hampton this 17 day of June 1708  
1 by Mayor Joseph Smith was chosen moderator for the sayd meeting  
13 by noted that Jonathon profcutt is to have the 139: 1161<sup>xx</sup>  
Shewd in the Second west division in which Sam: Chapman  
Senior Relinquished up his Right in to the Towne upon  
the Condition that he is to paye ffifteen pound money  
to the Towne and forty Shillings to m: John Cotton - voted  
14 by noted that the Select men for the time being from time

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**1709 September 8 Jonathan Daughter Marah Born**

(HTR v2 p194)

Marah the Daughter of Jonathan  
Profcutt by Elizabeth his wife  
was born the 8 day of Septem:  
ber 1709

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1708 May 14 Jonathan Granted Lot (#145 rightcorner) "In 2nd West Division" (HTR v.2 p.361)

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In 2nd West Division lay out in 1708 a  
for the 14 day of may 1708

John Philbrick	19	Morris Hobbs son	67	Richard Taylor	24
Josiah Moulton	26	William Swaine	109	Sam: Colman	15
Charles Elkins	16	Benja: Shaw	10	Robert Drake	98
John Readman son	123	Joseph Sweet	137	Tim: Hillyard	48
Tho: Louitte	38	James Perkins	102	Jo: son Jo: Moulton	36
Jo: son Hen: Moulton	53	Tho: Louitte	142	Heirs of Abra: parkins	60
Chris: roottoll	39	Josiah & Will: Samborn	30	Sam: marston	110
Ben: goud	107	Simon Knowles	96	Hump: & Abra: parkins	5
Chris: palmer	34	Benja: Shaw	2	Sam: Shaw	72
John Moulton	3	Chris: palmer	37	Ephra: marston	91
John Johnson	25	Daniel Tilton	11	Tho: ward	108
John Dow	92	Joseph Moulton	180	St: John Smith	120
Sam: Hilditch and the widow Hobbs	18	Benja: Shaw	127	Morris Hobbs son	85
John Case	130	St: John Smith	46	Peter Roberts	76
John Backhouse	83	Benja: Moulton	12	Abra: Drake	29
William godfrey	44	David Widdowood	126	Chris: page	13
Sam: Dow	116	Jonathan Widdowood	80	John Stanyon	7
John Brown	32	John goud	114	Jonathan marston	57
Benja: Brown	47	Robert Moulton	51	John: marston & co	50
John Samborn	52	John son Hen: Samborn	73	Jacob Browne	17
John Samborn	41	Sam son Hen: Samborn	8	Widow felous	78
John Samborn	49	Major Joseph Smith	6	Isaac goud	136
Ward	22	Joseph Case	97	Jacob Browne	112
House	135	Carl Jacob goud	99	Abra: parkins	63
House	144	Jo: & Calob Towler	70	John Hobbs	101
House	128	John godfrey	122	Tho: Louitte	82
John Dow	31	Chris: palmer	48	Mr: Nath: Widdow	68
Stanyon	9	Abra: goud	129	James Stanyon	20
Case	35	John Johnson	113	Nath: Backhouse	14
House	140	Daniel Lamson	74	Chris: page	62
House	27	John Samborn Jr.	111	John Hilditch	88
House	146	Joseph Taylor	104	Joseph Philbrick	72
House	77	Isaac marston	98	Abra: Colie	87
Stanyon	84	John Blake	106	John Moulton	54
House	119	Sam: Robby	1	Sam: Chapman	139
House	132	Jonathan Hilditch	101	Benja: Towler	89
House	124	John Smith Taylor	138	Nehemiah Hobbs	103
House	25	Jonathan Moulton	66	Robert Drake	57
Taylor	143	Phil: Bolton	134	Jonathan portcut	
House	23	John Tucke	71	one quarter of 145	
House	93	Binah marston	33	William Swaine	105
House	86	Stephen Backhouse	21	James Johnson	117
House	90	Tho: nude	4	John: Hilditch	183
House	118	Joseph Moulton	125		
House	96	Jonathan marston	79		
House	118	Hump: parkins	42		
House	84	Sam: marston	61		
House	49	James Johnson	131		



# 1709 June 17 Jonathan, Father James, And Brothers On Tax- Rolls In What Was Hampton Falls Parish New England Historical and Genealogical Register (NEHGR) vol.28

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day of June seuenteen Hundred and nine and in the Eight year of her Majesties Reigne Queen Anne &c.

JOSEPH SMITH Justice of peace  
JOSEPH CHASE  
JOHN GOUE  
JOHN SAMBORN sen: } Select men  
SAMUELL MARSTON assessers  
SAMUEL SHAW

THE PROVINCE RATTE 1709.

Nath <sup>l</sup> Bachelder Jun:	lb. s. d.	Hen: Green	0 2 2
Benja: Bachelder	1 7 11	En: John Goue	1 9 0
Jona: Bachelder	0 13 3	Eben: Goue	0 18 3
Benja: Browne sen:	0 3 3	Jacob Green Ju:	0 3 1
willi: Browne	1 6 3		
Benja: Browne Jun:	0 9 9	Timothy Hilyard	0 16 10
Timothy Blake sen:	0 7 2	Benja: Hilyard	0 11 3
Phile: Blake	0 16 2	Sam <sup>l</sup> Heley	0 13 0
Moses Blake	0 10 5	M <sup>r</sup> : Huckly	0 3 7
Iserall Blake	0 5 4	Nehemiah Heath	0 7 6
Timothy Blake Jun	0 5 2	Ephra: Hoyt	0 6 1
Jacob Basford	0 3 3	Stephen Hussey	0 3 7
James Basford	0 10 1	John Heaton	0 5 4
	0 2 8		
Capt Joseph Casse		Edman Johnson	0 11 2
John Clifford	0 14 0		
Jacob Clifford	0 12 9	Sam <sup>l</sup> Leuitt	0 0 11
Iserall Clifford sen:	0 6 6	Daued Larance	0 1 4
Iserall Clifford Jun:	0 13 0		
Zacke: Clifford	0 5 6	Sam <sup>l</sup> Malsher	0 10 6
Sam <sup>l</sup> Casse	0 2 2	John Morigin	0 6 1
Benja: Cram sen:	0 4 0		
Tho: Cram	0 10 1	Bonus Norton	1 5 1
John Cram sen:	0 9 4	Jonathon Nason	0 7 7
Benja: Cram Jun:	0 18 5		
John Cram Jun:	0 12 0	Jonathon Philbrook	1 2 6
Joseph Cram	0 6 4	Thomas Philbrook	0 3 2
Tho: & John Chasse	0 9 9	Chris: Potle	0 15 2
Jabez Colmon	1 14 10	James Prescott sen:	0 15 5
Phillip Chasse		James Prescott Jun:	0 13 0
	0 2 2	Jonathon Prescott	0 14 8
		John Prescott	0 8 1
Mehetable Dow	0 4 10	nath <sup>l</sup> Prescott	0 7 6
John Dow	0 9 8	Calah Perkins & Ben	0 15 0

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.....Same as appears in Warren Brown's History of Town of Hampton Falls p.329

PROVINCE RATE AND INVENTORY.

PROVINCE RATE, JUNE, 1709.

WILLIAM BROWN, constable. Order from selectmen. This included all south of Taylor's river, including what is now Kensington and Seabrook. William Brown lived upon the south road in Kensington.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nathaniel Batchelder, Jr.....	1	7	11	3	6	6
Benjamin Batchelder.....		13	3	1	10	3
Christopher Pottle .....	15	2		1	17	4
James Prescott, Sen.....	15	5		1	17	4
Jonathan Prescott .....	14	8			17	0
James Prescott, Jr.....	13	0		1	10	3
John Prescott.....	8	1			17	8
Nathaniel Prescott.....	7	6			16	4

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1710 April 26 Jonathan, Father James, And Brothers "Desents" - Vote Against -  
Proposal "That The Town is of Unanimous mind"..... It Passes Anyway (now what?)

(HTR v.2 p.165)

the person  
At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampton  
the 26th April 1710  
1<sup>ly</sup> Major Joseph Smith is chosen moderator for the said meeting  
2<sup>ly</sup> The Towne have agreed for to paye the Charge of  
m<sup>r</sup> John Cotton funeral by way of Ratte  
3<sup>ly</sup> The Towne have voted that misthriess Cotton shall have  
The improvement of the parsonage place for this Summer  
Till the fall for the use of her self and family  
4<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Towne is of Unanimous mind for to hire  
A minister for the Towne  
Josephs John Samborn Nathl. wden jun. Tim. Blake son  
Joseph Sweet son. Jacob Stanyan William Brown Joseph Tilton  
David Tilton Moses Blake Jarrell Blake Zach. Clifford  
James Braslett Jun. Jacob Bassett Catharine Tilton Nathl. wden Esq.  
Nehemiah Heath Bonus northon Nathl. Bachelder Gwoll Clifford Jun.  
Benja. Hifiets John Braslett Robert New son. Gideon Gwoll James  
Braslett son. Gona. Hifiets Joseph Samborn Jonathan Braslett  
John Eaton Enok Samborn Capt Jacob Gwoll Saml. Holy  
Nathl. Samborn Benja. Cram Jun. Ensign Daniel Tilton  
Peter wden Calad Shaw  
5<sup>ly</sup> Deacon Samuel Shaw Deacon Elkins and John Tuck are  
Chosen for to see if that they can procure a minister  
for the Towne

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[P. 322.] Province of New Hampshire.

At a Council and General Assembly held  
at Portsmouth, on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of May, 1710, by adj<sup>t</sup>, ante meridiem.

Present,

His Excellency, &c.,

Major W <sup>m</sup> Vaughan,	} Esqs.	John Gerrish,	} Esqs.
Robert Elliot,		Sam <sup>l</sup> Penhallow,	
Nath <sup>l</sup> Weare,		John Plaisted,	

The petition of her Majesty's subjects of the south part  
of Hampton, commonly called Hampton Falls, was read  
at this Board, and is as followeth, viz :

To his Excellency, Joseph Dudley, Esq., Govern<sup>r</sup> and Com-  
mander-in-Chiefe, in and over her Majesty's Province of the  
Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the  
members of the Council and Representatives convened together  
in General Assembly, now sitting.

The Humble address and petition of her Majesty's Loyal and  
dutiful subjects belonging to the south part of Hampton in the  
said Province of New Hampshire, commonly called Hampton  
Falls, most humbly sheweth,—

That your petitioners having formerly laid before y<sup>r</sup> Excellency  
and Council the great want of having one settled among us on  
our side of the Town in the work of the ministry, and now by  
God's good Providence have obtained the Reverend Mr. Theophi-  
lus Cotton among us in that work, and God by his awful stroke  
of Providence having removed, by death, the worthy and Rev-  
erend Mr. John Cotton\* to our great lamentation, we do there-  
fore pray, That we may be set off from the town from being at  
any charge as to procuring and maintaining a minister there; and  
that we may have power given us to make a tax or Rate, from  
time to time, as shall be for the support of our minister with us,  
and that each part of the Town maintain their own minister;  
That as we have been at equal charge according to our estates as  
[P. 323.] to purchasing and holding the parsonage at the Town,  
that now we may have some land appointed and laid out for a  
parsonage, as convenient as it may be had for the Falls side, ac-  
cording to the worth of our part of the town; That the Bounds

\* Rev. John Cotton died March 27, 1710, aged 57 years.—N. H. Reg.

may be settled between each part of the town, Tailor River being so crooked that it parts the inhabitants belonging to our meeting-House, we pray that the River may be the bounds up to the place called Garland's Mill, and from thence to a Bound tree betwixt Exeter and Hampton, at a place called Ass Brook, or that a committee of indifferent men may be appointed to come upon the place, and they to settle the Bounds, as in your wisdom shall be directed, and as in duty bound we shall ever pray.

John Brown,  
Joseph Tilton,  
Robert Reed,  
Edward Wilkins,  
Israel Black,  
John Swayn,  
Caleb Swayn,  
Peter Weare,  
Joseph Sweet, Jr.,  
John Drown,  
John Gove,  
John Cass,  
Benj. Perkins,  
Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Gove,  
Thomas Cram,  
John Cram,  
W<sup>m</sup> Brown,  
Joseph Cass,  
Ephraim Hoit,  
David Tilton,  
Jacob Stanyan,  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Melcher,  
Zacharah Clifford,  
John Sanbun,  
Jonathan Prescott,  
John Eaton,  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Prescott,  
John Cram.

Joseph Emons,  
Timothy Hutchins,  
Benj. Hillyard,  
Israel Clifford, Jr.,  
Jacob Clifford,  
John Morginn,  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Weare, Jr.,  
Samuel Shaw,  
Caleb Shaw,  
Dan<sup>l</sup> Tilton,  
Tho. Philbrook,  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Healy,  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Bacheler,  
James Prescott, sen.,  
Isaac Green,  
Benj. Fifield,  
Enoch Sanburn,  
Benj. Bacheler,  
Moses Blake,  
Joseph Sanburn,  
Philemon Blake,  
Jonathan Fifield,  
W<sup>m</sup> Shipperd,  
John French,  
Caleb Perkins,  
Timothy Blake,  
Jethro Tilton,  
Bonos Norton.

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Ordered that a copy of this petition be sent to the select men of Hampton, to attend his Excellency, Council and Representatives, on Monday next, in the afternoon, that there may be a full hearing betwixt all parties relating to the contents within mentioned.

Cha. Story, Secretary.

13th May, 1710.

Sent down to the House of Representatives for concurrence. Consented to by the House of Representatives.

Theodore Attkinson, per order of the House.

Adj. till Monday 10 of the clock. Ante Meridiem.

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# 1710 August 16 Jonathan Military Expedition (possibly to Fryeburg, Maine)

(excerpted; note Cram)

REPORT  
OF THE  
ADJUTANT-GENERAL  
OF THE  
STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1866.

VOL. II.



CONCORD:  
GEORGE E. JENKS, STATE PRINTER.  
1866.

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the preceding winter, for fear of their destruction by worms, he, with a party, were engaged in peeling them, when they were ambushed by the Indians, who killed Hilton and two others at the first fire. Two were taken prisoners and the others escaped. They could make no resistance, as their guns were useless from a storm. A company of one hundred men went in pursuit of the enemy the next day, but found nothing but the mangled bodies of their neighbors. The 16th of August a company consisting of ninety-one men, under the command of Capt. John Gilman, went in pursuit of the enemy. This roll was as follows:

*"A Muster Roll of the Company in Her Majesty's Service under the command of John Gilman, Captain, which marched August 16, 1710, and was in the service five days. By order of the Honorable John Usher, Esq., Lieut. Governor in and over Her Majesty's Province of New-Hampshire:"*

	£	s.	d.
John Gilman, Captain, . . . . .	1	5	0
Samuel Marston, Ensign, . . . . .	0	10	5
Nathaniel Weare, " . . . . .	0	10	5
John Light, Clerk, . . . . .	0	7	6
David Gilman, Serg't, . . . . .	0	7	6
James Leavitt, " . . . . .	0	7	6

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ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

Benjamin Cram, " . . . . .	0	5	0
Jonathan Prescott, " . . . . .	0	5	0
Reuben Sanborn, " . . . . .	0	5	0
John Clifford, " . . . . .	0	5	0

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nyp.33433081902300&view=1up&seq=77>

# THE ORIGINAL

1710 August 16 Jonathan (#47, left corner) On Military Expedition

(NHSArchives)

A Muster Roll of the Company for Her Highness Service  
under the Command of John Gillman Captain which marcht August 16<sup>th</sup> 1710 and was  
in the service five days

		£	s	d		£	s	d		
John Gillman	Capt	1	0	0	Francis Page	sent	00	05	00	By order of the honorable
Samuel Mastine	Ensign	00	10	5	Thomas Mastine	sent	00	05	00	John Wber Esq <sup>r</sup> & Gent <sup>l</sup> Governor
John Wber	Ensign	00	07	06	James Lock	sent	00	05	00	in and over her Majesty's promise
John Light	Capt	00	07	06	Abraham Brown	sent	00	05	00	of scotlandshire
David Gillman	sergt	00	07	06	James Fuller	sent	00	05	00	
James Leavel	sergt	00	07	06	John Wedgwood	sent	00	05	00	
Alexander Waggon	sergt	00	07	06	John Jennony	sent	00	05	00	
Benjamin Cole	sergt	00	07	06	Thomas Brown	sent	00	05	00	
Joseph Elton	sergt	00	05	10	Joseph Robins	sent	00	05	00	
Ephraim Holcom	Corp	00	05	10	Henry Dow	sent	00	05	00	
Samuel Piper	Corp	00	05	10	Isaac Hillbrook	sent	00	05	00	
Benjamin Hollins	Corp	00	05	10	Henry Gerbon	sent	00	05	00	
Isaac Smith	Corp	00	05	06	Sam <sup>l</sup> Batchelor	sent	00	05	00	
Eleazer Webster	pilot	00	05	06	Zachariah Hillbrook	sent	00	05	00	
Joseph Young	pilot	00	05	00	John Garland	sent	00	05	00	
Benjamin Tailor	sent	00	05	00	Will <sup>m</sup> Moulton	sent	00	05	00	
Thomas Gony	sent	00	05	00	Peter Johnson	sent	00	05	00	
Josiah Hall	sent	00	05	00	Emond Hau	sent	00	05	00	
Thomas Goring	sent	00	05	00	Jacob Moulton	sent	00	05	00	
Thomas Robinson	sent	00	05	00	Thomas Hainy	sent	00	05	00	
Nath <sup>l</sup> Holcom	sent	00	05	00	Thomas Gerbon	sent	00	05	00	
John Jones	sent	00	05	00	George Debon	sent	00	05	00	
John Finkler	sent	00	05	00	William Poole	sent	00	05	00	
John Finkler	sent	00	05	00	Thomas Poole	sent	00	05	00	
Edward Speid	sent	00	05	00	Joshua Jess	sent	00	05	00	
Jonathan Clark	sent	00	05	00	Robert Jess	sent	00	05	00	
William Child	sent	00	05	00	Sam <sup>l</sup> Brachet	sent	00	05	00	
Isaac Smith	sent	00	05	00	Richard Gony	sent	00	05	00	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Green	sent	00	05	00	John Sherbon	sent	00	05	00	
Abraham Morgan	sent	00	05	00	Samuel Wallis	sent	00	05	00	
Richard Morgan	sent	00	05	00	Samuel Berry	sent	00	05	00	
David Robinson	sent	00	05	00	Francis Hau	sent	00	05	00	
Jonathan Robinson	sent	00	05	00	William Leacey	sent	00	05	00	
Thomas Powell	sent	00	05	00	James Berry	sent	00	05	00	
John Harris	sent	00	05	00						
Daniell Pitton	sent	00	05	00						
Carte Gillman	sent	00	05	00						
Andrew Glendon	sent	00	05	00						
James Finkler	sent	00	05	00						
Daniell Young	sent	00	05	00						
Thomas Collof	sent	00	05	00						
Daniell Cary	sent	00	05	00						
Philip Cary	sent	00	05	00						
Thomas Cary	sent	00	05	00						
Samuel Beaujour	sent	00	05	00						
Ben <sup>m</sup> Crum	sent	00	05	00						
Jonathan Prewett	sent	00	05	00						
Robert Lambton	sent	00	05	00						
John Clifford	sent	00	05	00						

John Gillman  
19<sup>th</sup> Apr 1711. This Muster Roll & others



# 1712 Jonathan In Scouting Party With Brothers John And Joshua

(New Hampshire State Papers NHSP vol.14 p.11)

[1-16] [Roll of a Scouting Party under the command of Capt. James Davis, 1712.]

## A Muster-Roll of the Souldiers Under My Comand In A Scout 1712

MENS NAMES	Time of Service ws. ds.	Wages Due £ s d	MENS NAMES	Time of Service ws. ds.	Wages Due £ s d
<i>From Major Smiths Compa:</i>			Robert Mason	2	12
James Lock	3	18	Jacob Garland	2	12
Benjamin Dow	3	18	Daniel Lampree	2	12
Robert Moulton	3	18	James Perkins	2	12
Joshua Brown	3	18	Moris Leavit	2	12
Stephen Sanborne	3	18	John Dearborne	2	12
Job Chapman	3	18	Tho: Leavit	2	12
Israel folsam	2 2	13 8	Ed <sup>r</sup> Tuck	2	12
Jonathan Dearborne	2 2	13 8	James Perkins Jun <sup>r</sup>	2	12
Henry Dow	2 2	13 8	John Towle	2	12
John Garland	2 2	13 8	Edward Palmer	2	12
Joseph Brown	2 2	13 8	Tho: Elkins	2	12
John Wedgwood	2 2	13 8	James Leavit	2	12
Simon Dow	2 2	13 8	Henry Dearborne	2	12
Joshua Tole	2 2	13 8	Rich <sup>d</sup> Simons	2	12
John Blake	2 2	13 8	William Moulton	2	12
Tho: Dearborne	2 2	13 8	William Vitoom	2	12
Ed <sup>r</sup> Shaw	2 2	13 8	Samuel Brown	2	12
Nath: Drake	2 2	13 8	Stephen Page	2	12
Abraham Libee	2	12	John Smith	2	12
John Douse	2	12	Tho: fuller	2	12
Joseph Moulton	2	12	James Perkins	2	12
Josiah Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup>	2	12	<i>Cap<sup>t</sup> Greens Compa:</i>		37 12
David Moulton	2	12	Jona: Prescot	3	18
Timothy Dalton	2	12	Nath: Hely	3	18
Sam <sup>l</sup> Dearborne	2	12	Jona: Gove	3	18
Rich <sup>d</sup> Taylor	2	12	Bonus Norton	3	18
Abraham Moulton	2	12	Thomas Ward	3	18
Anthony Crosbee	2	12	Robert Roe Jun <sup>r</sup>	2 2	13 8
Icabod Robey	2	12	Sam <sup>l</sup> Clifford	2 2	13 8
Ebenezer Dearborne	2	12	David Tilton	2 2	13 8
Dearborne	2	12	Daniel Beane	2 2	13 8
William Lane	2	12	Jacob Brown	2 2	13 8
Sam <sup>l</sup> Batchelder	2	12	John Eaton	2 2	13 8
William Stanford	2	12	John Green	2 2	13 8
Joseph Lock	2	12	John Prescot	2 2	13 8
Edmond Rand	2	12	Joshua Prescot	2 2	13 8
			Sam <sup>l</sup> Melcher	2 2	13 8

Know all Men by these presents of J<sup>th</sup> Thomas Ward of Hampton in the Ward to  
 Province of New Hampshire in New England former for & in consideration of ten Prescott  
 pounds in current currency of New England to me in hand paid by Jonathan Prescott  
 of the same town & Province the receipt whereof I do acknowledge & my  
 my self fully satisfied contented and payed have given granted bargained  
 and sold and by these presents do fully freely and absolutely give grant  
 bargain sold allion Enfeoff and Confirm unto him the said Jonathan  
 Prescott and unto his heirs Exec<sup>ts</sup> Administr<sup>rs</sup> and assigns a portion Parcel  
 of land being situate and lying within the township of Hampton about  
 said containing, alowen Acres to the same more or less which piece of land  
 is half share or lot in the first West Division so called and is the three  
 Hundred & fourteenth lot in Number in said Division (the land is bounded  
 as in & margent of S<sup>r</sup> Bridgman's Deed) Jonathan Prescott North and the Common  
 South) together with all the Rights Privileges and appurtenances unto  
 the same belonging or in any kind appertaining with all timber trees and  
 Wood lying upon the same to Have & to hold the above Mentioned  
 314: half lot in the first West Division and all other the Promises

184 Promises unto him the said Jonathan Prescott and unto his heirs Exec<sup>ts</sup>  
 Administr<sup>rs</sup> and assigns to his and there own proper use Benefitt & behoofe  
 forever without the least lett hindrance Derivall Ejection or Ejection  
 of me the said Thomas Ward my heirs Exec<sup>ts</sup> Administr<sup>rs</sup> or assigns or any  
 other Person or persons claiming by from or under me by any Lawfull  
 Ways or means Whatsoever or by force of any other Grant or Right  
 from what town whatsoever In Witness hereof I the said Thomas Ward have  
 unto set my hand & seal this fifth day of January in the second  
 year of Queen Anne her Reign over Great Brittain &c. anno Domini  
 1712/13

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
 in presents of us Witnesses

Thomas Ward (seal)

Joseph Smith  
 Elizabeth Smith

Province of New Hampshire January: 5: 1712/13:  
 Thomas Ward above named personally appeared  
 and Acknowledged the above Instrument to be  
 his voluntary act & Deed before me

Joseph Smith: Justis Peace:

Entered & Recorded the foregoing Deed



## 1714 March 14 Jonathan Granted Lot 89 In "Third West Division"

(HTR v.2 p135.5, excerpted; date from p. 136)

The Third West Division		Lots drawn in 3 <sup>rd</sup> original Division	
Right		Right	
Joseph Taylor - 117		William Cole - Joseph Chase - 45	
Richard Taylor - 118		Philimon Dalton, John Dalton - 02	
Jonathan Taylor - 124		Isaac Green June - 89	
William Cadfor - 09		Mary Hiley: The Louis & J <sup>n</sup> Mayhem - 113	
Benjamin Green - 93		William Mayhem Francis Page - 122	
Jonathan Prescott - 89		William Palmer: Joseph Palmer - 72	

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## 1717 March 4 Jonathan Chosen Constable For Hampton Town Meeting (Neither Hampton Falls nor Kensington Townships established yet)

(HTR v.2 p.172)

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At a meeting of the freeholders of the Town of Hampton on 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1716/7

1. Coll: Joseph Smith was chosen Moderator
2. Then chosen to serve in General assembly, ordered by warrant from the gift of this province viz: Coll: Joseph Smith Major: Peter Swann and J<sup>n</sup> Tuck
3. Then chosen J<sup>n</sup> Tuck Town clerk & sworn accordingly.
4. Then chosen to be officers of Constables for the Town for this year were Jonathan Elkins and Jonathan Prescott
5. Then chosen for Select men were J<sup>n</sup> Tuck Lt: Peter Dore, & m. Sanborn Sen. Doncon Sam Shaw & Capt: Joseph Swett to ord: & m. Dore

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1722/23 Jan. 5 Jonathan Sr. Land-Gift-Letter Lovingly Written For Son Jonathan Jr.;  
Signed With "his mark and seal"

(witnessed Feb. 28 1729/30, entered June 4, 1730)

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds, Book17 Page 198)

Prescutt - To all people to whom these presents shall come I Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt sen<sup>r</sup> do  
Prescutt - send Greeting know ye y<sup>t</sup> I y<sup>e</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt of Hampton In y<sup>e</sup> Pro<sup>v</sup>  
of N<sup>e</sup>-Hampsh<sup>r</sup>: In N<sup>e</sup>-Eng<sup>l</sup>d y<sup>e</sup>oman for & In Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> love &  
good will & Affection w<sup>h</sup> I have & do bear to my loving son Jonath<sup>n</sup>  
Prescutt of y<sup>e</sup> same town & Pro<sup>v</sup>: Afores<sup>d</sup> have given & grant<sup>d</sup> & by these  
presents do freely & clearly & Absolutely give & grant unto y<sup>e</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup>  
Prescutt his heirs Exe<sup>s</sup> or Adm<sup>s</sup> two halfe Shares of land as it was  
leid out In y<sup>e</sup> first West Division In Hampton Afores<sup>d</sup> Bound on y<sup>e</sup>  
North w<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> land y<sup>e</sup> was formerly Zachariah Cliffords & on y<sup>e</sup> South w<sup>h</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> land of y<sup>e</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutts Jun<sup>r</sup>: & on y<sup>e</sup> West w<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> highway & on  
y<sup>e</sup> Eastion of land of In<sup>o</sup> Gram TO HAVE & TO hold y<sup>e</sup> Above s<sup>d</sup> two -  
Shares of land w<sup>h</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>misses & Appurten<sup>ts</sup> & p<sup>r</sup>ivileges belonging to  
s<sup>d</sup> land to him y<sup>e</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt his heirs Exe<sup>s</sup> or Adm<sup>s</sup> from this  
time & forever w<sup>h</sup> out any manner of Condition let or hinderance by  
me y<sup>e</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt sen<sup>r</sup> me my heirs Exe<sup>s</sup> or Adm<sup>s</sup> In Witness  
w<sup>h</sup> of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fift day of Janu<sup>y</sup>  
one thous<sup>d</sup> seven hundred & twenty two 23 & In y<sup>e</sup> Eight year of y<sup>e</sup>  
Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by y<sup>e</sup> grace of GOD of great  
Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith &c -

Sign<sup>d</sup> Seal<sup>d</sup> & D<sup>o</sup> Pro<sup>v</sup>: of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan I Prescutt sen<sup>r</sup> Seal  
In presence of y<sup>e</sup> Above named Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt his mark & seal  
Sam<sup>l</sup>: Healy y<sup>e</sup> personally appeared y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> day of feb<sup>r</sup>y 1729/30 & Acknowledg<sup>d</sup>  
Wm: Healy his hand & seal & y<sup>e</sup> Above written Instrum<sup>t</sup>: to be his free &  
voluntary act & Deed before me Peter Weare Just<sup>ice</sup> of peace -  
Enter<sup>d</sup> & Record<sup>d</sup>: According<sup>ly</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Josh: Peirce Record<sup>d</sup>  
for Orig<sup>l</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1730

<https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#/search>



1723-4 March 4 Jonathan (probably senior)\* As Witness To A Will  
(not his signature - he marks) (New Hampshire State Archives NHSA, Concord)

Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last  
 will & testament - & no other in witness  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
 seal this day & year above written  
 Signed Sealed Published  
 Pronounced & declared by  
 said Ebenezer Lowrie to be  
 his last will & testament in  
 presence of us witnesses  
 Peter Wears  
 Jonathan Dorecut  
 Josiah Bachelor  
 and  
 the marked seal  
 of Ebenezer Lowrie

2 last Evidence  
 sworn 21<sup>st</sup> March 1723/4  
 but did not see Wears  
 Sign

The N. Hampshire 16 March 1723/4  
 Jona. Dorecut & Josiah Bachelor  
 two of us  
 will be

\*While the records distinguish his father James Senior from James Junior, unfortunately the Jonathans are not so recorded. So, as their active civic years overlap, we can only presume which is which.

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INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, MARCH 18, 1726-7.							294 POLLS.
	Polls,	Houses,	Cultivated acres,	Oxen,	Cows,	Horses,	Hogs,
Jethro Tilton, blacksmith.....	2	.....	52	2	4	2	4
Benjamin Hilliard.....	10	.....	10	2	1	1	.....
Jeremiah Prescott.....	1	1	4	.....	3	1	.....
Elisha Prescott.....	1	1	7	.....	2	1	1
Jonathan Prescott.....	1	1	10	2	2	1	1
Nathaniel Prescott.....	2	2	9	2	.....	1	.....
Thomas Dearborn.....	2	.....	9	.....	1	1	.....

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(EXCERPTED)

## 1732-3 Feb. 28 Hampton Falls Tavern Petition, Both Jonathans And Many Prescotts!

(NHSP Vol.9)

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*Petition of the Inhabitants of Hampton Falls for a tavern license.*

1732-3. To his Excellence Jonathan belcher Esq. Capt General and Commander in Chief in and over His Maj<sup>ties</sup> province of New hampshire &c and to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Counsell and House of Representatives convened in Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly.

The humble petition of us y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers Inhabitants of Hampton falls parish most humbly sheweth,

That for three or four years Last past wee have had Sundry Divisions and parties made which has cosd much distraction and trouble amongst y<sup>e</sup> people of this parish upon y<sup>e</sup> account of y<sup>e</sup> tavern. The hous formerly Bult by Co<sup>l</sup> Peter Weare

Samuel Healey	Jonathan Prescott
Nath <sup>l</sup> Healey	Jonathan Row
Jonathan Green	Thomas Leavit
Jonathan Bachelder	Elisha Prescut (P)
Joseph Tilton	Elisher Prescut Jr
John Cram	Benj Prescut
Jonathan Cram Jr	Edward Tuck
John Browen	Sam <sup>l</sup> Blake
James Moulton	Nathaniell Prescut
Samuel Matshun	Joseph Draper
John Matson	Richard Nason
Jacob Garland	Benjamin Sanbon
John Green	James Prescott
Jacob Stanyan	Jeremiah Green
Thomas Gill	Jonathan Prescut
Amos Cass	Benj <sup>e</sup> Sweet
Sam <sup>l</sup> Emons	Benj. Hiland
Benjamin Green	Tim <sup>e</sup> Hiland
Jedjah Blake	Calub Browne
Nathan Clough	Thos. Philbrick
Joseph Cass	Jeremy Gove
Jonathan Cass	Jonathan Dow
Sharon Blake	Jn <sup>e</sup> Harvy
Jon <sup>s</sup> Philbrick	John Gove, Jr
Benj <sup>s</sup> Pearkins	Calub Swan
Thomas Cram	

In Coun. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1732-3.

Read and unanimously Voted to be dismissed.

R. Waldron Secry.



1736 March 8 Jonathan Sr. (or Jr?) Co-Leads Petition For A New Parish (Kensington)  
Prescott Memorial asserts it was Sr. who did this petition, and that Jr.  
was a Hampton Falls Selectman; therefore, Jr. was likely involved.

(Note the petition had been accidentally "consumed to ashes"; NHSP v.12)

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[4-230] [*Petition relative to making a new Town of the West Part, 1736.*]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> to the Honourable his Majesties Council of the s<sup>d</sup> province, and the Representatives in gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly convened at Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the s<sup>d</sup> province, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March an : Domini 1736/7

The Petition of Joseph Wadley Ezekiel Dow John Batchelder and Jonathan Prescut John Wear most humbly Sheweth

That at the Sessions of the gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this province in the month of May—A : D : 1735. Your Petitioners with Sundry others to the Number of about Sixty who were Inhabitants of the West part of Hampton Falls parish did prefer a Petition to Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly praying that they might be Set of a Seperate Parish by themselves, which Petition was acted upon at the last Sessions of the assembly after a full hearing of the s<sup>d</sup> Parish by their Attornies, on the one part and Your Petitioners and their other Companions on the other part and there it was ordered by Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly that a Committee Should be appointed to goe upon the Spot and make enquiry into the affair, to Survey the whole parish and to See whether it was big enough for Two, and if they found it was big enough for Two then to prefix a Line and to make a return to the gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly on the third day of their Sessions, and your Petitioners further Shew that Soon after the passing of that order both the Petition and order are Consumed to ashes in the burning of the Secretaries house in whose keeping they were, and that notwithstanding they were So consumed and destroyed yet the Committee who were appointed have proceeded and acted thereon, and it being now the time appointed for them to make their return thereof, they are accordingly attending for that end, your Petitioners therefore pray that your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly will please to accept thereof and to confirm the Same, so your Petitioners Shall ever pray &c

Jonathan Prescut  
John Weare

Joseph wadleigh  
Ezekiel Dow

John Batchelder

**1736 April 23** Hampton Falls Selectmen & Petitioners (Presumably One Or Both Jonathans) Appear At Board (Governor & Council); Petitions Then Sent "down To The House"

(NHSP v4 p811)

Pro: N. Hamp<sup>r</sup>. At a general assembly held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> by adjournm<sup>t</sup> Tuesday Apr. 23<sup>d</sup> 1736.

Present in Coun.

His Excellency Jon <sup>a</sup> Belcher Esq Gov <sup>r</sup> .	
Sha. Walton	Eph Dennet
Geo. Jaffrey	Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce
Joth Odiorne	Jos. Sherburne
Henry Sherburn	Ellis Huske
Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron	Theodore Atkinson

[P. 117.] The petitioners for a new Parish at Hampton Falls and the Selectmen of said Falls Parish as respondents appeared at the Board & were heard upon the said Petitions and then the said Petitions and Papers relating thereto were sent down to the House of Representatives by the Secretary.

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hart Esq. as Guardian to the Children of George & Robert Almory preferred a Petition praying leave to sell part of Messuage belonging to his wards which was read and sent down.

John Meader and others preferred a Petition praying for a special act to Dock an Intail &c. read, sent down by the Secretary.

Adj<sup>d</sup> til tomorrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

**1736 April 23** Later That Day, They Appear Before The House Of Representatives Who Then Form A Committee To "View" The Area For Themselves

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wherein the Province may be concerned, and that said Committee lay all their Letters & Answers before the House of Representatives from time to time as the Assembly shall sit April 23, 1736. Voted. James Jeffry Cler. Ass<sup>m</sup>

The Inhabitants of the West End of Hampton was heard, the Selectmen of Hampton Falls being present, & voted there be a Committee to view, &c

Mr. Treasu<sup>r</sup>. Sherburn being ask<sup>d</sup> by the House for the Bonds of £1730 w<sup>ch</sup> was in his keeping to deliver them to the House, his answer was, that they were put into his hands by the vote of the upper house and he was directed not to deliver them.

After the reading the above Petition & John Meader's Petition and votes entered on them the house adjourned to Sathurday, 24<sup>th</sup> A. M.

[Then the Journal from which the two leaves are missing is continued.] FAR.



## 1736 April 24 The Next Day, The House Meets With The Hampton Falls Delegation

(NHSP v.12 p.133)

[4-231] [*Committee appointed to fix Division Line, and  
Report of said Committee, 1736.*]

Prov of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Aprill 24—1736  
In the House of Representatives

The Inhabitants of the West end of Hampton was heard on

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theire Petition for a Precinct, according to the day Limited  
Last Sessions and the parrish of Hampton falls was present by  
their Selectmen and both parties heard—

And voted that there be a Committee

Entred on the Back of the Petition viz

The within Petition was Read & the Petitioners and the se-  
lect men of Hampton falls parish was heard thereon by their  
Councill

The House having Considered thereon

Voted Capt Edward Hall and m<sup>r</sup> Samuell Palmer be a Com-  
mittee of this House to Joyne with Such as the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Coun-  
cill Shall appoint, to Go and view Hampton falls parish, and  
See if at present its Reasonable there be a new precinct Set off,  
and if in their Judgment it oft So to be, Then to view the  
precinct and Consider what district may be Set off to them  
having regard to the Quaintity & Quallity of the Land, and to  
make return to the next Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly on the third day of their  
Sitting and Each party pay half the Charges of Said Committee

James Jeffry Cle<sup>r</sup> ass<sup>m</sup>

the same day a Mess<sup>a</sup> Came down that the Board had Con-  
curr'd with the above Vote and that Theodore Atkinson & Jo-  
seph Sherburn Esq<sup>r</sup> were appointed a Committee by the Board  
to Joyne the Committe of the House on the affaire of Hampton  
falls—

1736 April 24 The Provincial Council Agrees With House Vote On The "John Prescott" Petition; they either misspelled Jonathan or mean his brother John. (NHSP vol. 4)

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Pro. N. Hamp. At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, Saturday Apr. 24  
1736

Present in Coun.

Geo. Jaffrey	} Esqs.	Eph. Dennet	} Esqs.
Joth Odiorne		Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce	
Henry Sherburne		Jos. Sherburn	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron		Ellis Huske	
		Theo. Atkinson	

A message to the Board by Mr. Peirce w<sup>th</sup> Meaders Petition & vote thereon as follows :

By y<sup>e</sup> same message the Petition of John Prescott & others w<sup>th</sup> a vote thereon as follows :

A message to the Board 'by Capt. Walker w<sup>th</sup> a vote for calling in y<sup>e</sup> residue of y<sup>e</sup> £15000.

A message to the House pr Mr. Atkinson to acquaint them the Council had agreed with their votes on Meaders & Prescott's Petitions.

Adj'd til monday next 11 o'clock.

1737 March 29 Jonathan's Petition For New Parish Of "Kensington" Is...  
....GRANTED!

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[*Action of Legislature.*]

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 1737. In the House of Representatives The Petitioners of the within Petition was heard (the opposite parties not appearing) & voted: That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and the Petitioners be set of a Distinct Parish according to the Bound prefixt In the Returne Committe; and that they have Liberty to Bring in theire Bill accordingly

James Jeffry Cl<sup>r</sup> Ass<sup>m</sup>

In Council March 30: 1737

Read and Concurred Rich<sup>d</sup> waldron Sec<sup>r</sup>

Same day assented to J. Belcher.

[An act passed, April 1, 1737, incorporating the territory asked for into a "distinct parish by the name of *Kensington*." The following September another act was passed slightly changing the bounds.—ED.]



It is amusing to note the reaction to a 1732 petition for the eventual parish of Kensington, cut from western Hampton Falls with their gracious objections - and eastern Kingston, who objected "Because we are sensaball it will Rueine our town"! (spoiler alert, it didn't)

(NHSP v.9 pp.344-5)

**In the House of Representatives May 9<sup>th</sup> 1732**

The within Petition Read & ordered that the Parrish of Hampton|Falls & the town of Kingstown be served with a copy of this Petition, & ordered to appear the Second day of the next fall sessions to shew reasons if any they have why the prayer of petition should not be granted. This to be at the charge of the Petitioners

James Jeffry cler. Assm.

**In Council May 13<sup>th</sup> 1732**

Read and Concurr'd

R. Waldron, Secry.

I assent to the above vote.

May 15: 1732.

J. BELCHER

**In the House of representatives March 1<sup>st</sup> 1732-3**

The within petition being read & the pleas and allegations on both sides being heard & considered tis Voted that the s<sup>d</sup> petition be dismissed

George Walton, Clr. protem.

### *Objections thereto.*

**At a Leaugual Meeting of the freeholders of Hampton New parish held this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1732.**

1<sup>st</sup> Nathaniel Weare Esq. Chosen Moderator for said meeting

3<sup>dly</sup> Left Ichabod Robie Chosen a Commite man to Appeare at the General Court to give in Reasons why the West part of the new parish in Hampton may not be set of to the East part of Kingstown to be a parish.

4<sup>ly</sup> Capt Nathaniel Healys Chosen a Commite man for the Eand above said.

Hampton February the 22; 1732-3

A True Copie as attest

Joseph Tilton Clerk. *JP*

At a Lagull town meting held agust y<sup>e</sup> 28 1732. 2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that we wont not seet of the Est part of ouer town for a district or parish to Joyne with y<sup>e</sup> West part of hampton and that there was not one voter appared for y<sup>e</sup> sating them of att said meeting the Rason is Becase we are sensaball it will Rueine our town.

3<sup>ly</sup> Captn Johathan Samborn and Mr Ebenezer Stevens are chosen to Represent y<sup>e</sup> town at our Generall Cortt to give in our Rasins Why we did not grant the petitionars thare petition for to be sat of for a district or parish at y<sup>e</sup> Est End of our Town.

A True Cappy by

Mr John Swett Town Clerk.

**1737 May 9 Jonathan Sr. (Jr. is now Kensington Selectman) Votes No At  
Hampton Falls Parish Meeting.**

**He votes yes to put a new roof on the meeting house.... then votes no to pay for it!  
Truly, a man ahead of his time.**

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 176-7

At a Legal meeting of the free  
holders or other Inhabitants of Hamp-  
ton falls Parish held this ninth Day of  
May 1737

1<sup>ly</sup> Deacon Weare Chosen moderator  
for sd meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to put a new Roof on this meet-  
ing hous

3<sup>ly</sup> Josiah Bachelder Abner Sanburn &  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Jethro Tilton Chosen a Com<sup>ty</sup>  
to agree with a workman or workmen  
to build a new Roof and put on to this  
meeting hous voted

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Com<sup>ty</sup> now Chosen  
to agree with a workman or workmen  
to put on a new Roof &c that they be  
further impowred to agree for & p<sup>ay</sup> to  
Carry away the water from  
the Eves & for plastering under  
the beams & for windows & Cla-  
boards & all things to put the meet-  
ing hous in good Repair as the said

excerpted

on the Inhabitan<sup>ce</sup> of this Parish to  
be Collected & paid for the Defraying  
Said Chaiges

Jon<sup>a</sup> Prescottt  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Cram<sup>t</sup>  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Tilton  
Desents against  
the Second vote

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1747 Jonathan, And Other Prescotts, Petition Against A Bridge Proposal

(Jonathan Jr. is deceased by this time)

(NHSP vol.9 pp 582&3)

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*Petition of Inhabitants of Kensington against the bridge.*

To his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Capt<sup>n</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Governour and Commander in Chief in and over his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of New Hampshire, To the hon<sup>ble</sup> his maj<sup>ties</sup> Council and Representatives in gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly Convened.

Humbly *Shew* the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of Kensington in s<sup>d</sup> Province That we having heard of Petitions being preferred to your Excellency and hon<sup>rs</sup> for building a bridge Cross the river at or near Stratham & New

Market ferry, the building whereof we humbly apprehend will greatly obstruct the trade and fishery of this Province as also deprive many of his Majesties Loyal Subjects of their Just rights and Priviledges.

Wherefore we most humbly pray your Excellency and Hon<sup>rs</sup> that the prayer of s<sup>d</sup> Petition may not be Granted.

Jeremiah Fogg  
Abraham Baclder  
Hezekiah Swain  
Simon Batchelder  
Benjamin Prescottt  
Nathanael Prescottt  
Abraham Haskell  
Abraham Moulton  
Jethro Bachelder  
David James  
John Shearburne  
Benjamin Row  
Caleb Shaw  
Jonathan Hutchinson  
Johnson Hoshison

George Conner  
Moses Bleak  
Joseph Tilton  
Robert Row  
Abraham Samborn  
Joseph Wadleigh  
John Been  
Joseph Wadleigh jun.  
Jonathan Prescottt  
Jonathan Fellows  
Samuel Clifford  
Isaac Fellows Jun.  
Abner Fellows  
James Prescottt  
Henry Samborn

At this point, one wonders just where is Jonathan living at this time. He co-signs the Hampton Falls petition in 1736; Kensington becomes a separate Parish on April 1, 1737 - yet he is voting at a Hampton Falls Parish meeting on May 9, 1737. He signs the above petition as an "inhabitant of Kensington" in 1747. His wife's will in 1755 states he was last a resident of Hampton Falls.

1755 January 6      **JONATHAN PRESCOTT, Sr., R.I.P., Age 80**  
 Jan. 24 His wife Elizabeth writes Will (is Cram's child in it?) and  
 apparently dies by May 30 the same year. (NHSP vol35 p211)

ELIZABETH PRESCOTT 1755      HAMPTON FALLS

In The Name of God Amen This Twenty forth Day of January  
 anno Domini 1755, I Elisabeth Prescut of Hampton falls  
 Widow Relect of Jonathan Prescut of Said Hampton Falls in  
 The province of Newhamps' yeoman Deceased being but Weak  
 of body \* \* \*

firs I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elisabeth Gar-  
 land and to her heirs one Gound Silk Crape one homspun Coat  
 & my Stays and Three Puter Plates

I<sup>th</sup> I Give to my Granddaughter Abigail Blake Daughter to my  
 Daughter Abigail Lock Deceased Two Puter Platers & Three  
 Puter Plates and one Silver Spoon

I<sup>th</sup> I Give to my Granddaughter Mehetabel Wier Daughter  
 to my Daughter mary Hilyard Deceased Two Puter Platers and  
 Three Puter Plats

I<sup>th</sup> I Give unto my Son Jeremiah Prescut Ten Shilings old  
 tener to be paid to him in one year after my Deceace by my Ex-  
 cutor here after named

It<sup>th</sup> I Give to my Son Joseph Prescut Ten Shilings old tener  
 to be paid to him by my Excutor here after named in one year  
 after my Deceace

Itim I Give unto The Legal heirs of my Son Jonathan Prescut  
 Deceased Ten Shilings old tener to be Paid in one year after  
 my Deceace by my Executor here after named.

It<sup>th</sup> I Give unto my Grand Daughter Sarah Prescut Daughter

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to my Son Benjamin Prescut one fether bead and furniture be-  
 longing to The Same Emeadatly after my Deceace

It<sup>th</sup> I Give unto Ruth Robey That have Lived With me for  
 many years Past one fether bead which belong to The Trundel  
 Bead Stid

I<sup>th</sup> I Give unto my Son Benjamin Prescut and to his heirs for  
 Ever all The Remainder of my Estate both within Dors & with-  
 out (viz) all my Stock of Cattle Sheep horse, and Swine and all  
 my movables Within Dors not allready Disposed of in This  
 my Last Will he to Com into Porsission There of at my Deceace

Lastly I Do here by make and ordain my Son Benjamin Pres-  
 cut to be Sole Excutor \* \* \*

her  
 Elisabeth X Prescut  
 mark

[Witnesses] Jonathan Green, Samuel Prescut Ju<sup>r</sup>, Theo: Smith.  
 [Proved May 30, 1755.]

[Warrant, May 31, 1755, authorizing Nathaniel Healey,  
 gentleman, and Jacob Green, yeoman, both of Hampton Falls,  
 to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory. June 5, 1755: amount. £403. 15. 0: signed by



## After-thought

The Mary Cram family; reference to the 1696 Jonathan Sr. accusation is penciled in. Remember, Jonathan Jr. is Jonathan Sr.'s first child - born in 1696. If Mary is his biological mother, did Jonathan Sr. and wife "adopt" him?

(probably Kensington Library Vault)

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Second Generation  
( Joseph, No 1 died age 15 )  
No. 2.

BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup> CRAM (John<sup>1</sup>) born ; died 1711, - will  
proved 5 Dec. 1711. He married 28 Nov. 1662, ARGENTINE CROMWELL,  
daughter of Giles<sup>1</sup> Cromwell of Newbury, Mass. *From Rat June 1709*  
*0:16:1 - 1:15:0*

Children:

1. Sarah<sup>3</sup> b. 19 Sept. 1663; m. 27 March 1708, Jacob Basford
2. John<sup>3</sup> b. 6 April 1665
3. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> b. 20 Dec. 1666
4. Mary<sup>3</sup> b. 6 Aug. 1669; *passimally same who in June 1696 accused Jonathan Prescott*
5. Joseph<sup>3</sup> b. 12 April 1671
6. Hannah<sup>3</sup> b. 22 Aug. 1673; *26 Oct. 1693* m. William Fifield (4)
7. Esther<sup>3</sup> b. 16 Oct. 1675
8. Jonathan<sup>3</sup> b. 26 April 1678; died unmarried 3 Dec. 1703. Estate  
valued £ 32:23:0
9. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> b. 3 Jan. 1681; *7 May 1700* married Samuel Melcher. (They build  
their home in Hampton Falls, on the Exeter Road, in 1702.  
This became the Hawes place, and is now so known. E.K.F.)

.....and wouldn't that make some of us Prescotts today, HER descendant as well?

THE HISTORY  
OF  
KENSINGTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1663 to 1945  
(282 Years)

With a Family and Homestead Register  
of the Pioneer Families, Early Settlers and  
Permanent Citizens of the Town

Written by  
REV. ROLAND D. SAWYER

Born in Kensington  
January 8, 1874

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The Record of near three hundred years  
This Book reclaims,  
And puts in print, what else would be  
Forgotten names.

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Kensington's long ridges of high ground offered fine dwelling spots for the hardy young people in Hampton and Hampton Falls, who must move out from crowded homes and build their own homes. These hills would quickly dry out and be ready for spring planting of rye, buckwheat, beans, corn, pumpkins and turnips the first year after the trees were cut.

Thus family parties were organized to come here from Hampton and Hampton Falls, help the prospective young pioneer clear his land and get ready for his new home. Tradition survives of how these parties with their oxen came here, bringing as food their rough bread and large kettles of bean porridge and corned meats. They worked for three or four days, sleeping in the open around the blazing fire at night, and when they returned the trees were cut, a house was framed, perhaps boarded in as well, great logs snaked into piles for burning, and next spring the young husband with his own oxen, a gift or payment for work from his father, and the young wife with her cow, the gift from her father, would come here and start life.

Soon a rough road from house to house over the hills would be made and from that on back to the old plantation of Hampton and extending on to nearest neighbors at Kingston. These roads followed the three ridges, Red Oak, Stumpfield and Horse-Hill.

### **Forbears of the Pioneers**

Hampton families sent the major part of the settlers here between 1702 and 1732, though a few Salisbury and Exeter families contributed a few and one man came down from Kingston.

The List of Families whose young men and maidens came here with zeal to conquer Nature, build their own homes, self-reliant at an early age, like young birds pushed from their nest they were forced to build their own careers, is as follows: —

#### FROM HAMPTON FAMILIES

Batchelder	Fellows	Johnson	Prescott
Blake	Fogg	Lamprey	Rowe
Brown	Gove	Locke	Sanborn
Cass	Green	Longfellow	Smith
Chapman	Griffin	Melcher	Swain
Chase	Herdie (Hardy)	Page	Tilton
Clifford	Hilliard	Palmer	Tuck
Dow	Hobbs	Perkins	Ward
Dearborn	James	Puddington (Purington)	Weare

#### FROM SALISBURY FAMILIES

Connor	Eastman	Knowlton
Cluff (Clough)	Evens	Pike

From EXETER FAMILIES, Cram, Draper, Graves, Wadleigh

From KINGSTON, Hutchins (Hutchinson)

#### List of Householders 1732

*John Fuller*, the one man born in old England who came here, and was here in 1670, either died or moved away. He came from England in 1635 with William Fuller of Hampton. I do not know what was his relationship to William. He was born in 1620. He was the first white settler and was probably a single man; I find no record of his marriage or being a father.

Jonathan Prescott. Nathaniel Prescott and Deacon John Prescott, and William Brown, were the earliest of the settlers who made permanent homes here. The Prescotts were sons of James, who built at "Apple Crest" in 1667.

Jonathan had the farm where Dr. Clifford G. Rounsefell now lives; Nathaniel had the farm where George A. Prescott now lives; and Deacon John had the farm where Melvin Armstrong now lives.



The date that the other householders, who were here in 1732, located in Kensington I have not traced out. I give their names below, with date of birth and marriage, and it is probable that they all came here upon their marriage, or very soon after.

The "New Hampshire State Papers" preserve the petitions signed in 1732 by 60 householders in what is now Kensington, and state that these are in addition to Quakers, who were not asked to sign. The List gives the 60 names, with the Quakers whose names are not on the list. It is the result of long and careful research, and is, I think, a complete list of men possessing homes and living here in 1732. In some instances two householders lived together in a double house.

THE HOUSEHOLDER	DATE BORN	DATE MARRIED	WIFE'S NAME
Batchelder, John	July 28, 1692	Dec. 30, 1714	Abigail Cram
Batchelder, Nathaniel	Feb. 19, 1690	Feb. 24, 1717	Sarah Robie
Blake, Hezekiah	Feb. 4, 1703	Jan. 7, 1725	Joanna Fellows
Blake, Moses	———— 1682	Dec. 25, 1701	Abigail Smith

Perkins, James	Mar. 17, 1696	Feb. 22, 1729	Shuah Nason
Pike, Joseph	———— 1706	Dec. 8, 1731	Sarah Thompson
Prescott, Jonathan	May 6, 1675	———— 1695	Elizabeth ———
Prescott, Dea. John	Nov. 19, 1681	————	Abigail Marston
Prescott, Nathaniel	Nov. 19, 1683	————	Ann Marston
Prescott, Jonathan	July 16, 1696	Apr. 3, 1721	Judith Gove

### The Town's Third and Final Move for Independence

March 8, 1736, there was read in the Assembly, the petition of Jonathan Prescott, Joseph Wadleigh and John Batchelder of the North Road, and John Weare and Ezekiel Dow of the South Road, which related the facts of the previous year, of the fire, etc., and on behalf of the 60 original signers they asked the present Assembly to carry out the promises of the previous Assembly.

April 24 both House and Council voted in favor and a committee was appointed to report back its action as to bounds, etc. on Sept. 2, 1736.

### Kensington Incorporated a Separate Parish, April 1, 1737

1742 — Paid John Sherburn 16 shillings for mending Meeting House.

1744 — For some reason the year was a very hard one with the town — they voted to raise only 131 pounds, 6 shillings, 2 pence, and of this only raised 48 pounds for Mr. Fogg and 50 pounds for the province and spent nothing on roads or schooling.

1745 — Paid Jonathan Prescott for taking census, 10 pence.

(Jonathan Sr. at age 70? or Jr. at age 49?)

# 1737 April 18 A Jonathan Is Chosen As Selectman At First Meeting Of Kensington Parish (Probably Jr. at age 42; Sr. is 62)

(From Kensington Library vault)

at a legal meeting of the freeholders of the parish of Kensington  
holden in and for said parish on the eighteenth day of April 1737  
my Mr Richard Sanborn was Chosen moderator for said meeting  
my Ezekiel Dow was Chosen Clerk for said parish  
my Jonathan Prescut, John Weare and James Perkins were  
Chosen Select men

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## Boards of Selectmen

1737	Jonathan Prescut, John Weare and James Perkins
1738	Jonathan Prescut, Ezekiel Dow and Joseph Shaw
1739	James Fogg, Jonathan Dow and Samuel Page
1740	Robert Rowe, Nathaniel Dearborn and Ezekiel Dow
1741	Dea. Abraham Moulton, Ebenezer Brown and Jeremiah Eastman
1742	John Batchelder, Richard Sanborn and Nathan Clough
1743	Jonathan Dow, Philemon Blake and Samuel Page
1744	Hezekiah Blake, Jonathan Dow and James Fogg
1745	Jonathan Prescut, Samuel Clifford and Ebenezer Brown
1746	Edward Tuck, Josiah Brown and Jonathan Dow
1747	Benjamin Prescut, Samuel Page and Nathan Clough
1748	Lieut. Ezekiel Worthen, Ebenezer Brown and James Prescut

Could the Jonathans have taken turns as Selectmen?

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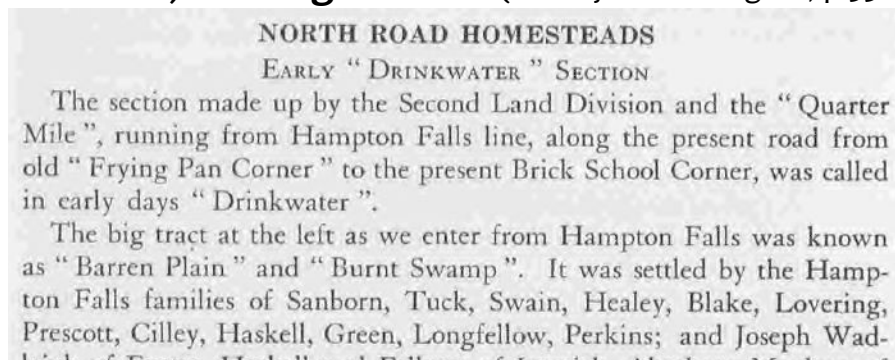
## First Annual Report of the Selectmen

Jonathan Prescut	John Weare	Jeams Perkins
Served Select men for the parish of Kensington for the year 1737		
The rates We rased	L S D	
The ministers rate	121.10. 6	
The provance rate	078.10. 4	
The Gift rate	106.17. 8	
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	306.18. 6	
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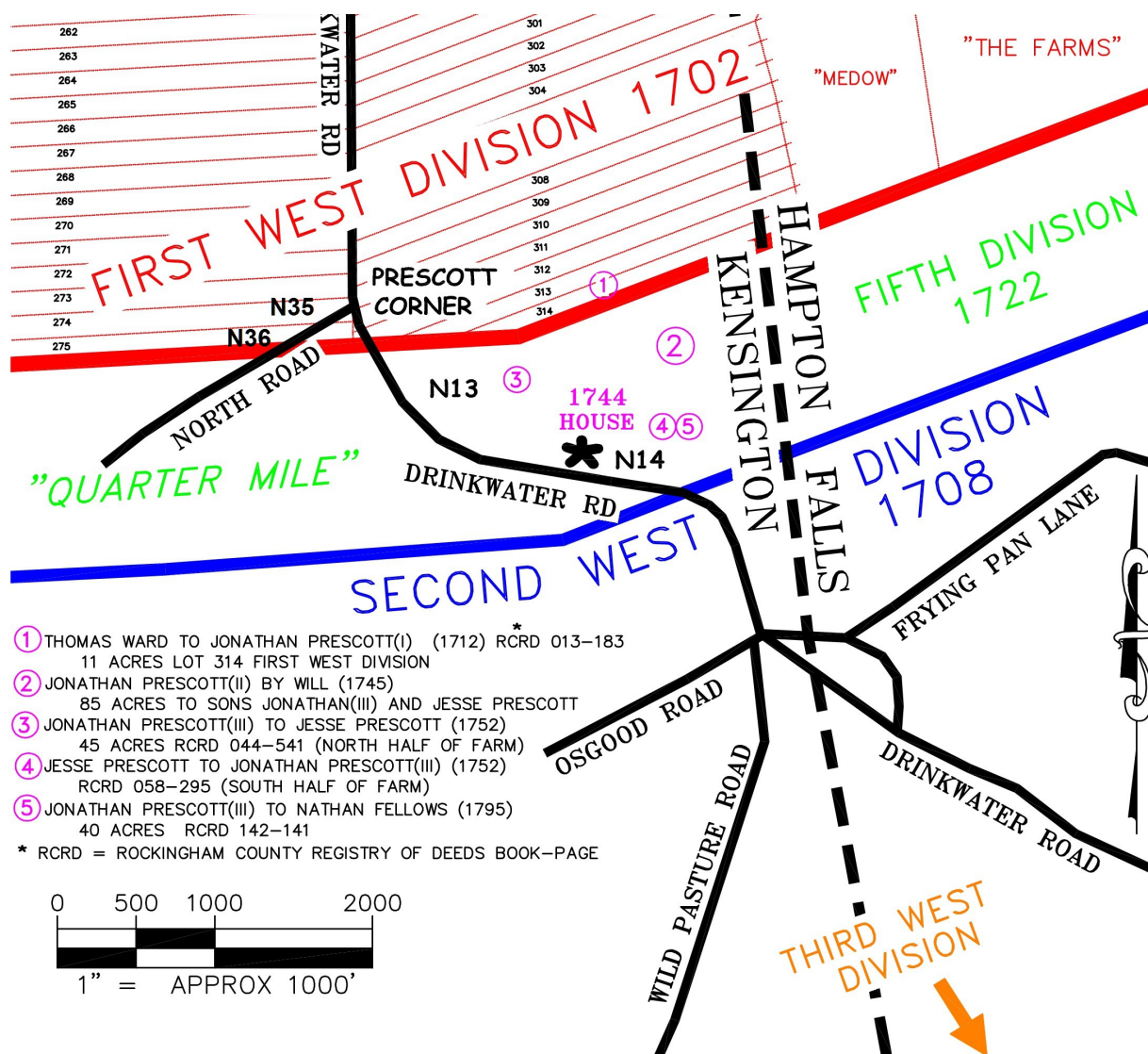


## PRESCOTT CORNER, Kensington

(History Of Kensington, p.336)



**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: With First, Second & Third Wests, & Fifth Division landgrants/sales, James Prescott's sons, Jonathan (N13), Nathaniel (N35), and John (N36) established their farms together at Prescott Corner at the intersection of 2 Roads: North & Drinkwater. Jonathan's Jr.'s farm and home is N14 & the "1744 house" he built.**



THIS MAP WAS PREPARED FOR DOUGLAS PRESCOTT  
BY A.W. BIALOBRZESKI, NHLLS #752. PLEASE VISIT  
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## From Sawyer's History Of Kensington (1946):

### P.34 The Prescott Brothers of Prescott Corner

Jonathan Prescott, Nathaniel Prescott and Deacon John Prescott, and William Brown, were the earliest of the settlers who made permanent homes here. The Prescotts were sons of James, who built at "Apple Crest" in 1667.

### P.339 Jonathan, Sr.

#### (N 13) PRESCOTT

#### House Gone

Jonathan Prescott, son of pioneer James, built beyond the home of [redacted] soon after 1708. Later the place was owned by a Jesse Prescott and also a Jesse Tuck.

### p.347 John

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#### (N 36) PRESCOTT-FELLOWS-PRESCOTT

#### Arthur and Helen A. (Prescott) Crowell

Deacon John Prescott, brother of Nathaniel and Jonathan, and whose wife, Abigail Marston, was a sister of Nathaniel's wife, built here between 1714 and 1720. His heirs sold to Jonathan Fellows April 22.

### P.346 Nathaniel

#### (N 35) PRESCOTT

#### George A. Prescott

Nathaniel Prescott, brother of John and Jonathan, whose wife was Ann Marston, built here between 1714 and 1720. He had no children.

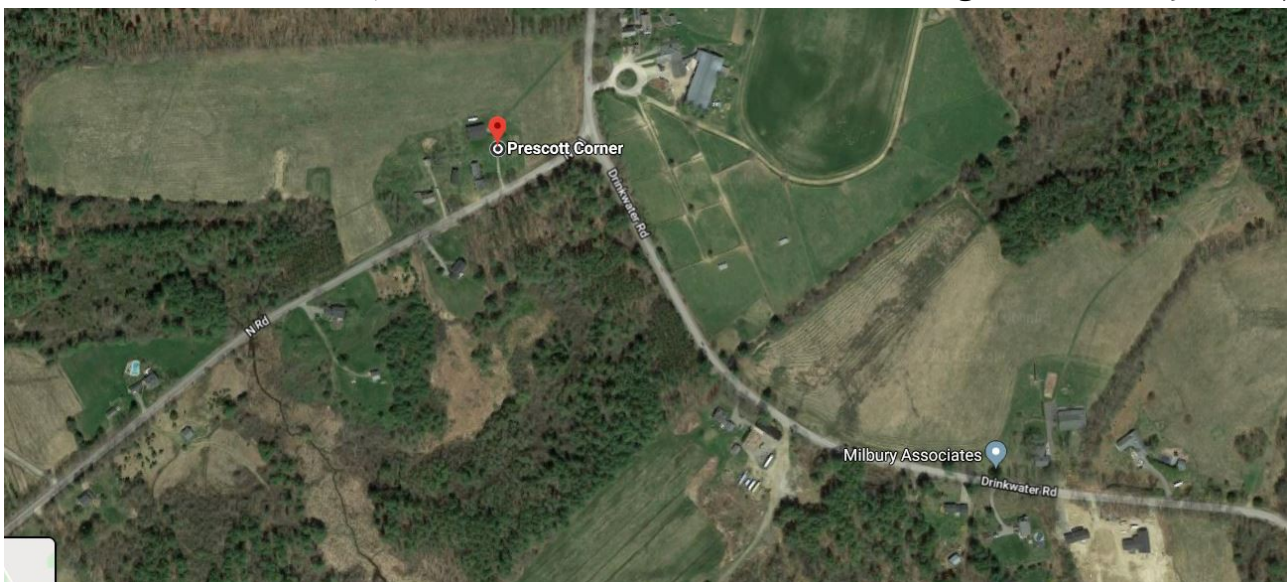
### P.340 Jonathan Jr. (Captain)

#### (N 14) PRESCOTT-FELLOWS-ROUNSEFELL "Rolling Ridge"

#### Dr. Clifford G. and Betsy (Clow) Rounsefell

Capt. Jonathan Prescott, son of Jonathan, built this house in 1744. In 1795 his son Jonathan sold to Nathan Fellows and moved to Gilmanston. Nathan Fellows, Jr., born 1802, inherited the place; he died in

## PRESCOTT CORNER TODAY (The 1744 house is still there, visible to right of "Milbury" label)



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ADDENDUM -

1727 Oct. 27 An Official Order About The Horse Of Jonathan's Brother, Nathaniel!

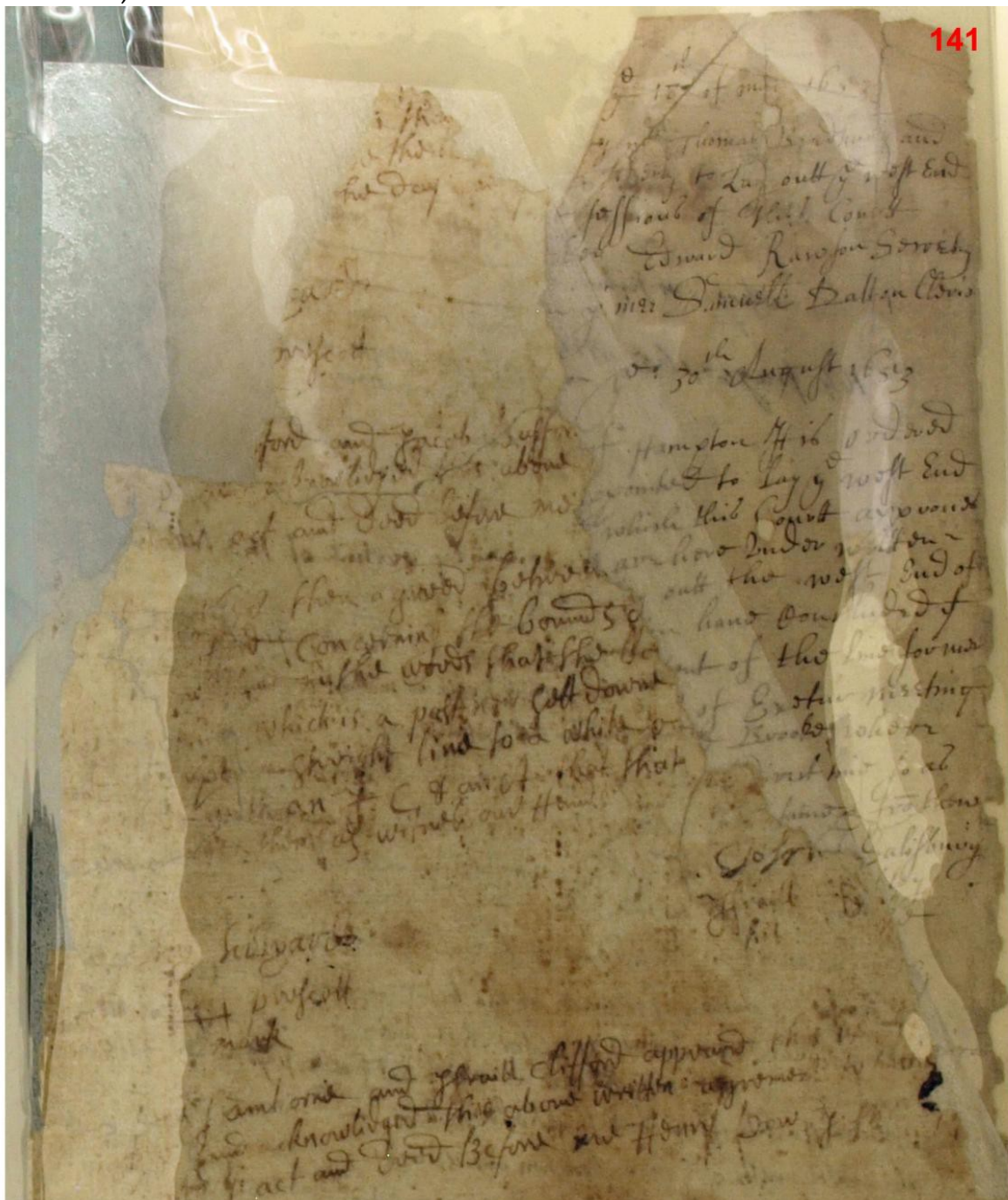
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Province of } To Charles Fredwell  
Newhampshur } and Jacob Stangen  
you are required  
in his Majsties name forthwith  
to to apprise a young bay mare  
with a brown nose and a little  
white in her forehead of Nathaniel  
Prescuts now Impounded by Capt  
Joseph Tilton according to your best  
skill and Judgment and for your  
so doing this shall be your Sufficient  
warrant  
dated at Hampton } The above named  
in sd province of } Charles Fredwell &  
27<sup>th</sup> day of October } Jacob Stangen was  
1727. } Sworn to ye Just  
apprisal of ye above  
sd mare before me  
Peter Weare Justice of peace

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ADDENDUM - This undated co-mangled fragment from the **Hampton Town Records Volume 1** is undecipherable except for a Prescott signature-mark at the lower left corner. It is probably Jonathan Sr. (possibly Joshua) as we find his horizontal triple-cross mark elsewhere. James Sr.'s mark is a vertical triple-cross. The bottom seems to refer to a "Clifford" ("Israel"? ) and is seemingly notarized by Henry Dow who was Hampton Town Clerk 1681-1707. Israel Clifford was the father of Joshua Prescott's wife, Sarah.



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**Son of Jonathan, 7/16/1696 – 1/18/1746**

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*Issue of Jonathan Prescott (5-4) and Elizabeth ———.*

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**(Capt) Jonathan Prescott**  
 Gender - Male  
 Born - 16 July 1696 in Hampton Falls, Hampton Falls, Rockingham, New Hampshire, United States  
 Died - 19 January 1746 in Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada

**Birth** 16 July 1696 - Birth - Hampton Falls, Hampton Falls, Rockingham, New Hampshire, United States

**Death** 19 January 1746 - Death - Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada

**FAMILY MEMBERS**

Parents & Siblings

**Jonatha Prescott**  
 (6 August 1675 - 5 Dece...)

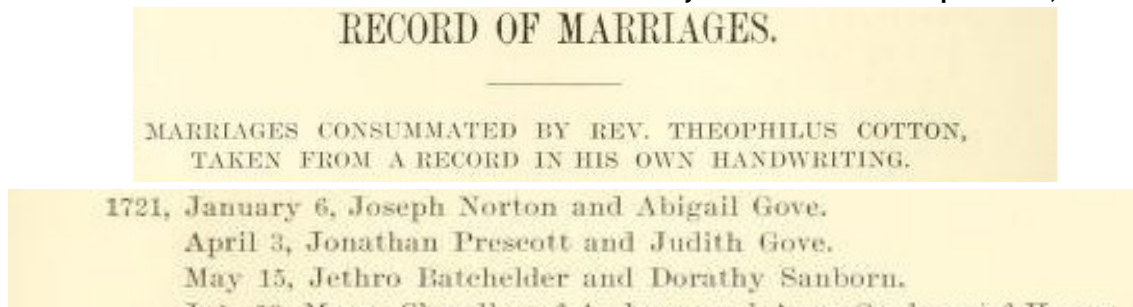
**Elizabeth PULSIPHER**  
 (4 December 1689 - INT...)

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## 1721 April 3 - JONATHAN MARRIES JUDITH GOVE

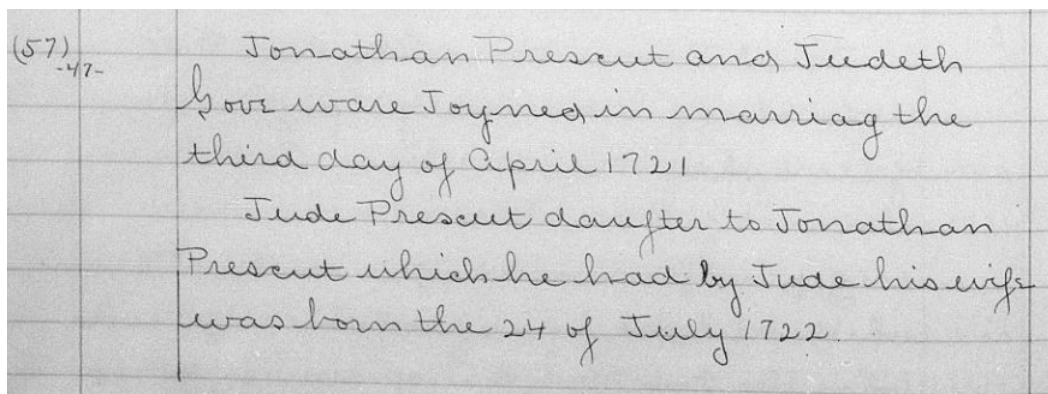
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Jonathan Prescut son to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born the 27 of October 1724

Meriam Prescut daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born the 18 of december 1726

Tesse Prescut son to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born the 16 of february 1728/9

Lucee Prescut daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born the 30 of July 1725

Abigail Prescut Daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 5 day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1731

Edizabth Prescut Daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 14 Day of march 1733

nathan Gore Prescut son to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 13 Day of march 1735

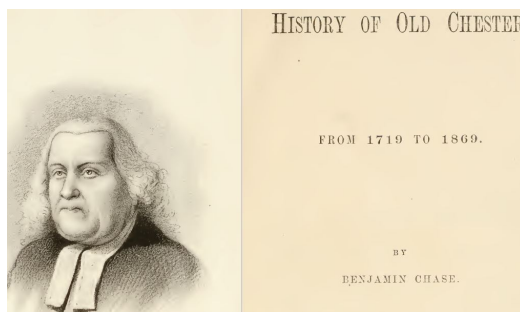
<sup>9</sup> Rachel Prescut Daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 28 Day of october 1737

micah Prescut son to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 23 Day of october 1739

Jemima Prescut Daughter to Jonathan Prescut which he had by Jude his wife was born ye 23 day of october 1742

## 1719 September 24 Jonathan Signs Petition For New Town Of Chester

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[From the Council Records of 1719.]

### PETITION FOR GRANT.

A petition for a township in y<sup>e</sup> Chestnutt County, signed by about 100 hand, preferred by Mr. Hughes, Sept. 24, 1719. Minuted—Read again, Apr. 28, 1720.

To his Excellency Samuel Shute, Esq., Capt. Gen<sup>l</sup> & Comman<sup>dr</sup> in Chief in an over His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, &c., and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council, now sitting in Council at Pourtsmouth, in and for said Province :

The humble petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Province Humbly sheweth That y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners have associated themselves together to settle a certain tract of waiste land containing Eight miles square, laying in the Province of New Hampshire afores<sup>d</sup>, and adjoining on the East to Kingston and Exeter, and on the South to Haverhill, and on the West and North to y<sup>e</sup> woods.

And forasmuch as y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners are informed that sundry persons belonging to severall Towns in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay design to petition y<sup>r</sup> Excellency & Hon<sup>rs</sup> to have the same lott of land granted to them for a township,

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Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that they may have the preference (having been at a vast expense of blood and treasure to maintain the same against the Enemy), and that the said tract of land may be granted a township to them, and as many more as are willing to settle the same, so as to make up the number of one hundred (and twenty five) persons, under such limitations for the settling of it as y<sup>r</sup> Excellency & Hon<sup>rs</sup> will in your great wisdom see convenient for the speedy settling thereof, and y<sup>r</sup> Petitioners ever will pray as in duty bound.

Sept. 24, 1719.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Phipps,  
Jos. Pierce,  
Tho. Packer,  
Joseph Tilton,  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Batchelder, jr.,  
John Cram,  
Philemon Blake,  
Jacob Stanyan,  
Robt. Row, Sen<sup>r</sup>,  
David Tilton,  
Reuben Sanborn,  
John Morrison,  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Blake, jr.,  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Henley

Henry Sharburne,  
Benj. Gambling,  
Jos. Sherburne,  
Clement Hughes,  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Plaisted,  
Elez<sup>r</sup> Russell,  
Samuel Hart,  
Eph<sup>m</sup> Demmett,  
John Preston,  
Benj. Sanborn,  
Joseph Sanborn,  
James Prescott,  
Jonathan Prescott, jr.,  
Richard Sanborn.



**1721 June 22 Jonathan Sr. To Jonathan Jr. Land-Gift (signs mark)**

(Lot 314, First West Division, see 1712 Ward) (see maps p. 45, p.119; N13)

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds, Book13 Page 184) <https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#:/search>

Know all Men by these Presents that I Jonathan  
 Prescott Sen<sup>r</sup> of Hampton, in the Province of New Hampshire have  
 sold & assigned over unto my son Jonathan Prescott Jun<sup>r</sup> of the  
 same Town & Province all my Right & Title in this within  
 Written Deed of Sale this 22<sup>d</sup> day of June 1721. as witness  
 my hand. --  
 Witnesses } Province of New Hampshire: Jonathan J. Prescott Sen<sup>r</sup>  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Hoaly } May 9<sup>th</sup> 1722 in Jonathan his mark  
 William Hoaly }  
 Prescott above named personally appearing acknowledged  
 his hand and the above written Instrument to be  
 his voluntary act & Deed Coram Nat<sup>l</sup> Jergent Pease Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Entered & Recorded the above according to the  
 original & compared for W<sup>m</sup> Munking Record<sup>r</sup>  
 7<sup>th</sup> day of March: 1723.

**1721 June 22 Jonathan Sr. To Jonathan Jr. Land-Gift (Cowcommon, see 1707 Ward)**

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds, Book13 Page 176) <https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#:/search>

Know all men by these presents that I Jonathan Prescott Sen<sup>r</sup> of Hampton  
 in the Province of New Hampshire have sold over and assigned unto my son  
 Jonathan Prescott Jun<sup>r</sup> of the same Town & Province all my Right and  
 Title in this within written deed of Sale this 22<sup>d</sup> day of June 1721.  
 as witness my hand:  
 Witnesses } Jonathan J. Prescott Sen<sup>r</sup>  
 Samuel Hoaly } his mark  
 William Hoaly } Province of New Hampshire May 9<sup>th</sup> 1722.  
 in Jonathan Prescott above named personally appeared  
 acknowledged his hand & the above written Instrument  
 to be his voluntary act & Deed in  
 Entered & Recorded according to original & Coram Nat<sup>l</sup> Jergent Pease Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 7<sup>th</sup> of March: 1723 for W<sup>m</sup> Munking Record<sup>r</sup>.

**1722 December 3 On One Day, Jonathan Secures Several Pieces Of Land In  
The New Division 5 (a.k.a “Quarter Mile”, see map p. 45).....**

**....17 Acres “in ye quarter of mile near his house” And Near Uncle “John Prescott”  
(near today's Prescott Corner) (formerly Ward's)**

and westerly on land now  
Laid out to & origonall right of Tho: Ward now claimed By Jonathan Prescott  
17: acres & 1/2 of land in & quarter of mile near his house he desiring to  
have it in & quarter of mile bounded northerly in part on land of John Prescott  
and westerly on his own land & Easterly on land not yet laid out & southerly  
on land laid to & claims of Jethro Tilton & westerly partly on land of Robt Row  
and partly on land of John Prescott there being a way laid to & publick use thro  
the westerly part of B land he hath his full proportion before & law for so way

HTR v.3 p.164

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3\\_201802/page/n69/mode/1up](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3_201802/page/n69/mode/1up)

**...17 Acres “In ye quarter of mile” (also near Prescott Corner) (also formerly Ward's)**

HTR v.3 p.162

Laid out to & origonall right of Tho: Ward claimed by Jonathan Prescott who desiring  
to have it in & quarter of mile now have laid out 17: acres bounded on his own land  
northerly land not yet laid out Easterly land laid to & claims of Jethro Tilton  
Southerly in part & land not yet laid out in part & westerly on land of Robt Row and  
partly on a piece of land either for a way or to make satisfaction to John Prescott for  
the wayes going through his Land, only reserving a high way through & B land  
& way now good or near it where it may be convenient there being 17: acres before  
land for so way.

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3\\_201802/page/n67/mode/1up](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3_201802/page/n67/mode/1up)

**....1 Acre, Jonathan “Jun.”, Bounded By “The Prescott Lands”, Presumably  
Prescott Corner (see map p. 45)**

HTR v.3 p.165

Southerly on land of James Davis  
Laid out to & origonall right of Tho: Ward claimed by Saml: Case now in y hands  
of Jonathan Prescott jun. one acre & 1/2 bounded northerly on B Prescotts land  
Easterly on land laid to & claims of Jacob Bassford & Southerly on land laid to &  
claims of Jethro Tilton & westerly on land laid to & claims of B Prescott  
Laid out to & origonall right of James Davis now claimed by Moses Sweet one acre

[https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3\\_201802/page/n70/mode/1up](https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME3_201802/page/n70/mode/1up)



1722/23 Jan. 5 Jonathan Sr. Land-Gift-Letter Lovingly Written For Son Jonathan Jr.

(repeated from Jon. Sr. section)

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds Book 17 Page 198)

Prescutt - To all people to whom these presents shall come I Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt sen<sup>r</sup> do  
 Prescutt - send Greeting know ye that I Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt of Hampton In<sup>g</sup> Pro<sup>c</sup>  
 of N: Hampsh<sup>r</sup> In N: Eng<sup>l</sup> yeoman for & In Consideration of y<sup>e</sup> love &  
 good will & Affection w<sup>h</sup> I have & do bear to my loving Son Jonath<sup>n</sup>  
 Prescutt of y<sup>e</sup> same town & Pro<sup>c</sup> Afores<sup>d</sup> have given & grant<sup>d</sup> & by these  
 presents do freely Clearyly & Absolutely give & grant unto y<sup>e</sup> & Jonath<sup>n</sup>  
 Prescutt his heirs Exe<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> two halfe Shares of land as it was  
 leidd out In y<sup>e</sup> first West Division In Hampton Afores<sup>d</sup> Bound on y<sup>e</sup>  
 North w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> land y<sup>e</sup> was formerly Zachariash Cliffords & on y<sup>e</sup> South w<sup>th</sup>  
 y<sup>e</sup> land of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Prescutts Jun<sup>r</sup> & on y<sup>e</sup> West w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> highway & on  
 y<sup>e</sup> East on y<sup>e</sup> land of In<sup>g</sup> Gram TO HAVE & TO HOLD y<sup>e</sup> Above s<sup>d</sup> two -  
 Shares of land w<sup>th</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> premises & Appurten<sup>ts</sup> & privileges belonging to  
 s<sup>d</sup> land to him y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt his heirs Exe<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> from this  
 time & forever w<sup>th</sup> out any manner of Condition Let or hinderance by  
 me y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt sen<sup>r</sup> me my heirs Exe<sup>r</sup> or Adm<sup>r</sup> In Witness  
 w<sup>h</sup> of I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this fift day of Janu<sup>y</sup>  
 one thous<sup>d</sup> seven hundred & twenty two 22 & In y<sup>e</sup> Eight year of y<sup>e</sup>  
 Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by y<sup>e</sup> grace of GOD of great  
 Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of y<sup>e</sup> faith &c -

Sign<sup>d</sup> Seal<sup>d</sup> & Del<sup>d</sup> Pro<sup>c</sup> of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan I Prescutt sen<sup>r</sup> Seal  
 In presence of y<sup>e</sup> Above named Jonath<sup>n</sup> Prescutt his mark & seal  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Healy y<sup>e</sup> personally appeared y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> day of feb<sup>r</sup> 1729/30 & Acknowledg<sup>d</sup>  
 Wm<sup>l</sup> Healy his hand & Seal & y<sup>e</sup> Above written Instrum<sup>t</sup> to be his free &  
 voluntary act & Deed before me Peter Beare Just<sup>ice</sup> of peace -  
 Enter<sup>d</sup> & Record<sup>d</sup>: According<sup>y</sup> to Josh<sup>ua</sup> Peirce Record<sup>r</sup>  
 to y<sup>e</sup> Orig<sup>l</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1730

# 1724 December 12 Jonathan In Militia Muster Roll

Page 393 references same muster roll, but lists "John"

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1724.]

JOURNAL OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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In the house of Represent<sup>t</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1724.

[P. 361.] A Message to the board by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fellows & Atkinson with the following report and votes thereon.

The Committe of audit whose names are underwritten haveing Examin'd the Several Muster Rolls that lay before us Do report as followeth (viz)

N <sup>o</sup> 1	a Muster Roll Sign'd And <sup>w</sup> Glidden allow'd	£108 16 4
2	a Muster Roll Sign'd Moses Norris allow'd	97 7 7
3	a Muster Roll Sign'd Jon <sup>a</sup> Sanburn for wages	£72 10 10
	& victualling	41 9 3
4 & 5	2 Muster Rolls sign'd John Footman for and	13 2 4
		32 12 8
6	a Muster Roll sign'd Jos Roberts allow'd	54 18 10
7	a Muster Roll Sign'd W <sup>m</sup> Jones allow'd	49 1 —
8	a Muster Roll Sign'd Abrah Clark allow'd	11 7 6
9	a Muster Roll Sign'd W <sup>m</sup> Hill allow'd	17 2 8
10	a Muster Roll Sign'd Jon <sup>a</sup> Prescott allow'd	50 3 4
11	a Muster Roll Sign'd Benj <sup>a</sup> Wentworth allowed	99 13 2

Original From House Journal (New Hampshire State Archives [NHSArchives], Concord)

361.

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Examined the Several Muster Rolls that lay before us  
Do Report as followeth — (viz<sup>t</sup>)

N<sup>o</sup> 1. a Muster Roll sign'd And<sup>w</sup> Glidden Allow'd £108.16.4  
2. a Muster Roll sign'd Moses Norris allow'd — 97.7.7  
3. a Muster Roll sign'd Jon<sup>a</sup> Sanburn for wages £72.10.10  
& victualling — 41.9.3 } all<sup>d</sup> 115.0.1  
4 & 5. 2 Muster Rolls sign'd John Footman for — 13.2.4  
and — 32.12.8 } all<sup>d</sup> 45.15.—  
6. a Muster Roll sign'd Jos Roberts allow'd — 54.18.10  
7. a Muster Roll sign'd W<sup>m</sup> Jones allow'd — 49.1.—  
8. a Muster Roll sign'd Abrah<sup>am</sup> Clark allow'd — 11.7.6  
9. a Muster Roll sign'd W<sup>m</sup> Hill allow'd — 17.2.8  
10. a Muster Roll sign'd Jon<sup>a</sup> Prescott allow'd — 50.3.4  
11. a Muster Roll sign'd Benj<sup>a</sup> Wentworth allow'd — 99.13.2



## 1729 March 27 Jonathan Chosen "Surveyer of Highways"; Cousin James Selectman

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 66

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At a Leaugual metting of the  
freeholders and Inhabitants of the  
new parish in hampton held this 27<sup>th</sup>  
of march 1729

1<sup>ly</sup> Coll Peter Weare Chosen modrator  
for 1<sup>st</sup> metting

2<sup>ly</sup> Joseph Tilton Chosen Clark for 1<sup>st</sup> parish  
and sworn

3<sup>ly</sup> Nathaniel Healy Chosen Constable

4<sup>ly</sup> Nathaniel Weare Esq.<sup>r</sup> Chosen select  
man and sworn

5<sup>ly</sup> Jams Prescut Chosen Selectman  
and sworn

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10<sup>ly</sup> Amos Cass Chosen Surveyer of  
highways

11<sup>ly</sup> Benjeman Cramden<sup>r</sup> Chosen Surveyer  
of highways

12<sup>ly</sup> Jonathan Prescut Jun<sup>r</sup> Chosen Surveyer  
of highways

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## 1732 March 1 Jonathan Chosen Hampton Falls Surveyer

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 110-11

At a Leaugual metting of the  
freeholders of the new or South parish  
in hampton held this <sup>this</sup> twenty first  
day of march 1732

1<sup>ly</sup> Nathaniel Weare Esq.<sup>r</sup> Chosen modrator  
for said metting

2<sup>ly</sup> Joseph Tilton Chosen Clark and sworn  
in said metting

15<sup>ly</sup> Elisha Piddoston Chosen Surveyer  
for the year Ensuing

16<sup>ly</sup> Isreal Blake Chosen Surveyer for  
the year Ensuing

17<sup>ly</sup> Richard Sanborn Surveyer of highways  
for the year Ensuing

18<sup>ly</sup> Jonathan Prescut Chosen Surveyer  
for the year Ensuing

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-899K-8TN?i=55&wc=M6CJ-XNG%3A265836301%2C265926701%2C265926702&cc=1987741>

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*Petition of the Inhabitants of Hampton Falls for a tavern license.*

1732-3. To his Excellence Jonathan belcher Esq. Capt General and Commander in Chief in and over His Maj<sup>ties</sup> province of New hampshire &c and to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Counsell and House of Representatives conveaned in Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly.

The humble petition of us y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers Inhabitants of Hampton falls parish most humbly sheweth,

That for three or four years Last past wee have had Sundry Divisions and parties made which has cosd much distraction and trouble amongst y<sup>e</sup> people of this parish upon y<sup>e</sup> account of y<sup>e</sup> tavern. The hous formerly Bult by Co<sup>l</sup> Peter Weare

(excerpted)

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Samuel Healey  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Healey  
Jonathan Green  
Jonathan Bachelder  
Joseph Tilton  
John Cram  
Jonathan Cram Jr  
John Browen  
James Moulton  
Samuel Matshun  
John Matson  
Jacob Garland  
John Green  
Jacob Stanyan  
Thomas Gill  
Amos Cass  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Emons  
Benjamin Green  
Jedjah Blake  
Nathan Clough  
Joseph Cass  
Jonathan Cass  
Sharon Blake  
Jon<sup>s</sup> Philbrick  
Benj<sup>s</sup> Pearkins  
Thomas Cram

Jonathan Prescott  
Jonathan Row  
Thomas Leavit  
Elisha Prescut (P)  
Elisher Prescut Jr  
Benj Prescut  
Edward Tuck  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Blake  
Nathaniell Prescut  
Joseph Draper  
Richard Nason  
Benjamin Sanbon  
James Prescott  
Jeremiah Green  
Jonathan Prescut  
Benj<sup>s</sup> Sweet  
Benj. Hiland  
Tim<sup>s</sup> Hiland  
Calub Browne  
Thos. Philbrick  
Jeremy Gove  
Jonathan Dow  
Jn<sup>s</sup> Harvy  
John Gove, Jr  
Calub Swan

In Coun. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1732-3.

Read and unanimously Voted to be dismissed.

R. Waldron Secry.



## 1733 March 19 Jonathan Chosen Hampton Falls Selectman

(Cousins James, John Also Chosen)

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 136 (excerpted)

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(S2)  
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At a League meeting of the  
freeholder of the new or South parish  
in Hampton held this 19<sup>th</sup> of March  
1733/4  
by Coll Peter Weare Chosen modera-  
tor for 3<sup>d</sup> meeting  
for the year Ensuing.  
9<sup>ly</sup> Jonathan Prescut Chosen Select man  
for the year Ensuing

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## 1734 November 9 Jonathan As Hampton Falls Selectman

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 141

These are to give notice to the free- (S2)  
holders and Inhabitants of this parish - 75-  
to meet at this meeting house on  
munday next the Eleventh day of  
this Instant november at twelve of the  
Clock on 3<sup>d</sup> day to Consider and Come  
into some way to take care of Several  
Lotts of Land which belongs by Right to  
this parish namely parsonag Lotts and  
to do no other buisnis  
Hampton falls Joseph Tilton } Select  
November the 9<sup>th</sup> 1734 Joseph Worth }  
Jonathan Prescut men }

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# 1734 March 31 Jonathan As Hampton Falls Selectman

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 144

This is to give notice to the freeholders or Inhabitants of this Parish that are qualified to vote that they meet at this meeting house on Monday the thirty first day of this Instant March at teen of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to Choose Constables Selectmen and all other Parish ofisers for the year ensuing and also to pass a vote Considering the Low value of the present Currency that m<sup>r</sup> Whipple may have twenty pounds or what may be thought proper given him towards his maintenance for the year Ensuing and also to pass a vote that money be Raised in the next Rate to hire a minister to preach to the Inhabitants of the upper or western part of this Parish four months in the year Ensuing and also to pass a vote that money be Raised in the next Rate in order to pay for the four months preaching the said Inhabitants of the western part of the Parish had in the year past

Hampton falls march 31<sup>st</sup> 1734/5

Joseph Tilton	} Select
Jon <sup>s</sup> Prescut	
Joseph Worth	
Benjamin Green	
	} men

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## 1734 October 10 Selectman Jonathan Petitions For Hampton Falls Town Fair

(History of Town of Hampton Falls, Brown p.278) & (NHSP v.9 p.346)

### FAIRS.

#### PETITION OF HAMPTON FALLS FOR A FAIR.

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq. Governor and commander in chief in and over his majesties province of New Hampshire and to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Majesties Council

The humble petition of the Selectmen of the Parish of Hampton Falls in Said province most humbly Sheweth,

That where as in this our Parish and in the towns and Parishes round about us, and to ye eastward of our Province There are raised a Bundance of Quick Stock which to geather with other Traffick, Twice in a year we want to Sell and having experienced Sumthing of benefit of a time and place for marketing S<sup>d</sup> Stock and Traffick in our S<sup>d</sup> Parish which Benefitt not ondly our Parish but our province together with ye eastward Towns have Shared with us in, by Reason of the Situation of our Parish being ye most convenient to accommodate Boath Provincies—We your Petitioners most humbly pray.

That his Excellency and ye Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council order that ye Second Wednesday and Thursday in May, and ye Third Wednesday and Thursday in Oct. to be days of Fair for Publick Traiding in this Parish att the most noted Publick hous, and country Road yearly and forever for the Bennefites above expressed, As in duty bound will ever pray

JOSEPH TILTON	}	Selectmen of ye Parish of Hampton Falls
JONATHAN PRESCOTT		
JOSEPH WORTH		
ISRAEL BLAK		
BENJAMIN GREEN		

Hampton Falls Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1734.

<http://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhobrow#page/n315/mode/1up/search/jonathan+prescott>

1735 March 24 Jonathan Chosen "Commety man" (Cousin Sam Chosen)

(Note a "Searcher & Sealer of Leather")

Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 164

At a Leagal meeting of the freeholders  
or Inhabitants In Hampton falls  
held this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1735/6  
1<sup>ly</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Ware Esq<sup>r</sup> Chosen moderrater  
for said meeting.

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Sealer of Leather  
16<sup>ly</sup> Moses Blake Jun<sup>r</sup> Chosen a Searcher  
+ Sealer of Leather  
17<sup>ly</sup> Samuel Prescut Chosen a Commety  
man to Call ye Last years select men  
to account  
18<sup>ly</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Prescut Jun<sup>r</sup> Chosen a Commety  
man to Call ye Last years Select men  
to account

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G99K-893X?i=82&wc=M6CJ-XNC%3A265836301%2C265926701%2C265926702&cc=1987741>



**1736 March 8, and April 23 & 24 - Prescott Memorial asserts Jonathan Sr. co-led this successful petition for a new Parish (Kensington), although Jr. as a Hampton Falls Selectman was likely involved. Therefore, this episode is repeated.**

NB: Again, while the records distinguish James Senior (father and grandfather to the Jonathans) from James Junior, unfortunately the Jonathans are not so recorded. So, as their active civic years overlap, we can only presume who is being referenced.

(Note the petition had been accidentally "consumed to ashes".)

(NHSPv12)

HAMPTON FALLS. 133

[4-230] [*Petition relative to making a new Town of the West Part, 1736.*]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> to the Honourable his Majesties Council of the s<sup>d</sup> province, and the Representatives in gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly convened at Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the s<sup>d</sup> province, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March an : Domini 1736/7

The Petition of Joseph Wadley Ezekiel Dow John Batchelder and Jonathan Prescut John Wear most humbly Sheweth

That at the Sessions of the gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this province in the month of May—A : D : 1735. Your Petitioners with Sundry others to the Number of about Sixty who were Inhabitants of the West part of Hampton Falls parish did prefer a Petition to Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly praying that they might be Set of a Seperate Parish by themselves, which Petition was acted upon at the last Sessions of the assembly after a full hearing of the s<sup>d</sup> Parish by their Attornies, on the one part and Your Petitioners and their other Companions on the other part and there it was ordered by Your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly that a Committee Should be appointed to goe upon the Spot and make enquiry into the affair, to Survey the whole parish and to See whether it was big enough for Two, and if they found it was big enough for Two then to prefix a Line and to make a return to the gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly on the third day of their Sessions, and your Petitioners further Shew that Soon after the passing of that order both the Petition and order are Consumed to ashes in the burning of the Secretaries house in whose keeping they were, and that notwithstanding they were So consumed and destroyed yet the Committee who were appointed have proceeded and acted thereon, and it being now the time appointed for them to make their return thereof, they are accordingly attending for that end, your Petitioners therefore pray that your Excellency and the Honourable Assembly will please to accept thereof and to confirm the Same. so your Petitioners Shall ever pray &c

Jonathan Prescut      Joseph wadleigh      John Bachelder  
John Weare          Ezekiel Dow

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Jonathan Prescut  
John Weare

Joseph wadleigh  
Ezekiel Dow

John Bachelder



- 1736 April 23 Hampton Falls selectmen & petitioners (presumably one or both Jonathans) appear at Board (Governor & Council); petitions then sent "down to the House".

(NHSP vol.4 p.811)

Pro: N. Hamp<sup>r</sup>. At a general assembly held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> by adjournm<sup>t</sup> Tuesday Apr. 23<sup>d</sup> 1736.

Present in Coun.

His Excellency Jon <sup>a</sup> Belcher Esq Gov <sup>r</sup> .	
Sha. Walton	Eph Dennet
Geo. Jaffrey	Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce
Joth Odiorne	Jos. Sherburne
Henry Sherburn	Ellis Huske
Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron	Theodore Atkinson

[P. 117.] The petitioners for a new Parish at Hampton Falls and the Selectmen of said Falls Parish as respondents appeared at the Board & were heard upon the said Petitions and then the said Petitions and Papers relating thereto were sent down to the House of Representatives by the Secretary.

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Hart Esq. as Guardian to the Children of George & Robert Almory preferred a Petition praying leave to sell part of Messuage belonging to his wards which was read and sent down.

John Meader and others preferred a Petition praying for a special act to Dock an Intail &c. read, sent down by the Secretary.

Adj<sup>d</sup> til tomorrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

- 1736 April 23 Later that day they appear before the House of Representatives who then forms a committee to see the area for themselves.

(NHSP vol.4)

1736.]

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wherein the Province may be concerned, and that said Committee lay all their Letters & Answers before the House of Representatives from time to time as the Assembly shall sit April 23, 1736. Voted. James Jeffry Cler. Ass<sup>m</sup>

The Inhabitants of the West End of Hampton was heard, the Selectmen of Hampton Falls being present, & voted there be a Comittee to view, &c

Mr. Treasu<sup>r</sup>. Sherburn being ask<sup>d</sup> by the House for the Bonds of £1730 w<sup>ch</sup> was in his keeping to deliver them to the House, his answer was, that they were put into his hands by the vote of the upper house and he was directed not to deliver them.

After the reading the above Petition & John Meader's Petition and votes entered on them the house adjourned to Sathurday, 24<sup>th</sup> A. M.

[Then the Journal from which the two leaves are missing is continued.] FAR.

1736 April 24 The next day, the House meets with the Hampton Falls delegation.

(NHSP v12 pp133-4)

[4-23<sup>1</sup>] [*Committee appointed to fix Division Line, and  
Report of said Committee, 1736.*]

Prov of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Aprill 24—1736  
In the House of Representatives  
The Inhabitants of the West end of Hampton was heard on

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EARLY TOWN PAPERS.

theire Petition for a Precinct, according to the day Limited  
Last Sessions and the parrish of Hampton falls was present by  
their Selectmen and both parties heard—

And voted that there be a Committee  
Entred on the Back of the Petition viz

The within Petition was Read & the Petitioners and the se-  
lect men of Hampton falls parish was heard thereon by their  
Councill

The House having Considered thereon

Voted Capt Edward Hall and m<sup>r</sup> Samuells Palmer be a Com-  
mittee of this House to Joyne with Such as the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Coun-  
cill Shall appoint, to Go and view Hampton falls parish, and  
See if at present its Reasonable there be a new precinct Set off,  
and if in their Judgment it oft So to be, Then to view the  
precinct and Consider what district may be Set off to them  
having regard to the Quaintity & Quallity of the Land, and to  
make return to the next Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly on the third day of their  
Sitting and Each party pay half the Charges of Said Committee

James Jeffry Cle<sup>r</sup> ass<sup>m</sup>

the same day a Mess<sup>a</sup> Came down that the Board had Con-  
curr'd with the above Vote and that Theodore Atkinson & Jo-  
seph Sherburn Esq<sup>r</sup> were appointed a Committee by the Board  
to Joyne the Committe of the House on the affaire of Hampton  
falls—



1736 April 24 Later that day, the Provincial Council agrees with the House vote on the "John Prescott" petition (for new parish Kensington); they either misspelled Jonathan or mean his brother John. (NHSP vol. 4)

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1736.

Pro. N. Hamp. At a Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, Saturday Apr. 24  
1736

Present in Coun.

Geo. Jaffrey	} Esqs.	Eph. Denet	} Esqs.
Joth Odiorne		Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce	
Henry Sherburne		Jos. Sherburn	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron		Ellis Huske	
		Theo. Atkinson	

A message to the Board by Mr. Peirce w<sup>th</sup> Meaders Petition & vote thereon as follows :

By y<sup>e</sup> same message the Petition of John Prescott & others w<sup>th</sup> a vote thereon as follows :

A message to the Board by Capt. Walker w<sup>th</sup> a vote for calling in y<sup>e</sup> residue of y<sup>e</sup> £15000.

A message to the House pr Mr. Atkinson to acquaint them the Council had agreed with their votes on Meaders & Prescott's Petitions.

Adj'd til monday next 11 o'clock.

1737 March 29 Jonathan's petition for the new Parish of Kensington is....GRANTED!

(NHSP vol.12)

HAMPTON FALLS.

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[*Action of Legislature.*]

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 1737. In the House of Representatives The Petitioners of the within Petition was heard (the opposite parties not appearing) & voted: That the prayer of the Petition be granted, and the Petitioners be set of a Distinct Parish according to the Bound prefixt In the Returne Committe; and that they have Liberty to Bring in their Bill accordingly

James Jeffry Cl<sup>r</sup> Ass<sup>m</sup>

In Council March 30: 1737

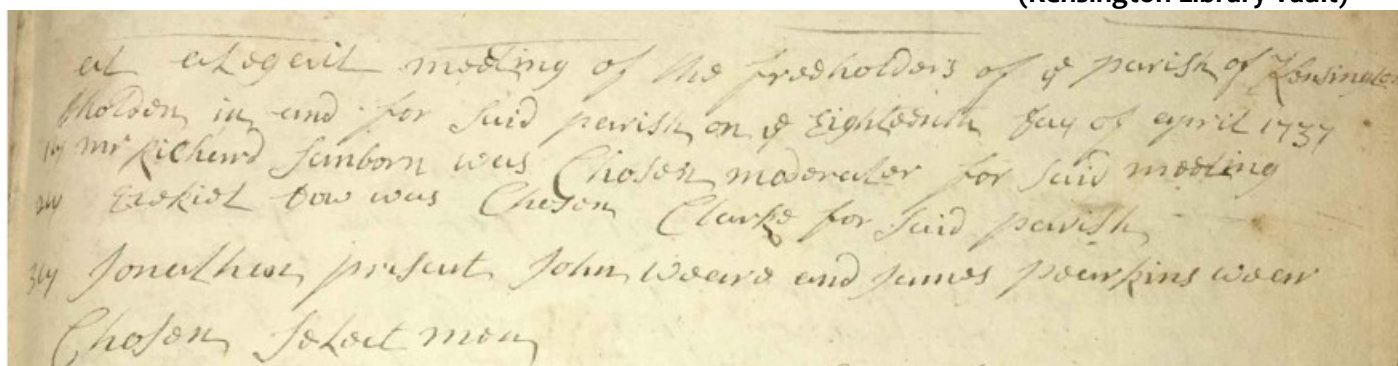
Read and Concurred Rich<sup>d</sup> waldron Sec<sup>r</sup>

Same day assented to J. Belcher.

[An act passed, April 1, 1737, incorporating the territory asked for into a "distinct parish by the name of *Kensington*." The following September another act was passed slightly changing the bounds.—ED.]

**1737 April 18 Jonathan Chosen As Selectman At First Meeting Of Kensington Parish**  
 ("3ly"...probably Jonathan Jr. at age 41; Sr. is 61)

(Kensington Library Vault)



at a legal meeting of the freeholders of a parish of Kensington  
 holden in and for said parish on the eighteenth day of April 1737  
 Mr Richard Samborn was Chosen moderator for said meeting  
 Esq: Bow was Chosen Clarke for said parish  
 Jonathan present John Ward and James Perkins were  
 Chosen select men

**1737 August 12 "Prescotts Petition and Bill" (Volume Index says its Jonathan) -  
 But Regarding What...?**

(NHSP vol4 p736)

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1737.

every thing in our power to facilitate that affaire, that if possible it  
 may have the desired effect of a friendly & happy Issue.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 1737, voted to be sent up.

Andrew Wiggin, Speak<sup>r</sup>

Newington Petition sent down from the Board, Voted,  
 that it be dism<sup>d</sup>

Prescotts Petition past upon & Liberty to bring in his  
 Bill.

Then the House adjourn'd to the 13<sup>th</sup> curr<sup>t</sup>.



1739 March 20 Jonathan "chosen To Call Selectmen To Account" At Kensington

Parish Meeting ("5ly")

(Kensington Library Vault)

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders of the parish of  
Kensington holden in and for said parish on the twentieth  
day of march 1739  
Firstly Mr Joseph Reddigh was Chosen moderator  
for said meeting  
2ly Ezekiel Dow was Chosen Clerk for said parish  
3ly Richard Sanborn was Chosen Constable  
4ly James Fogg, Jonathan Dow & Samuel Page were Chosen  
Select men for said parish  
5ly Jonathan present & Obediah Johnson were Chosen for  
to call the Select men to account  
present and Obediah Brown

1741 March 3 Jonathan Chosen "Sesors" (Assessors) At Kensington Parish Meeting

("5ly")

(Kensington Library Vault)

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders of  
the parish of Kensington holden the third day  
of march 1741 Deacon John Batchelder was Chosen  
moderator for said meeting  
2ly Ezekiel Dow was Chosen Clerk for said parish  
3ly Edward Palmer was Chosen Constable and paid his  
fine  
4ly Ben Abraham moulton, Ebenezer Brown and  
Jeremiah Gasman were Chosen Select men  
5ly Jonathan present John Wear were Chosen Sesors  
Richard Sanborn and Obediah Johnson were  
Select men to an account



1741 February 12 Jonathan ("Blacksmith") And Samuel Prescott Divide Exeter Land  
(Epping Historical Society)

Jonathan Prescott  
Samuel  
of Agreement made and concluded this twelfth  
day of February Anno Domini Seventeen hundred & forty-four  
And in the fourteenth Year of his Majesties Reign, Between  
Jonathan Prescott of the Parish of Kensington in the township of  
Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire in New England  
Blacksmith on the one part, And Samuel Prescott of Hampton  
aforesaid Yeoman on the other part, Concerning the Division  
of a certain tract of Land Lying in the township of Exeter  
in the Province aforesaid: Whereas the Said Samuel Prescott bought  
of the Said Jonathan Prescott one half of Seventy Acres of Land  
Laid out by the proprietors of Exeter aforesaid and Drawn for by  
David Gilman late of Exeter deceased Beginning at N<sup>o</sup> 159  
in the fourth Range and Ending at N<sup>o</sup> 166 in the Same range  
And also one half of forty Acres of Land Lying in the Same  
Range Beginning at N<sup>o</sup> 166 and Ending at N<sup>o</sup> 170 As may  
Appear by a Deed Bearing date the Seventh day of August  
Anno Domini Seventeen hundred & thirty five; And also one  
half of thirty Acres of land in the Same range which Begins  
at N<sup>o</sup> 170 and ends at N<sup>o</sup> 173 in the Same range As may  
Appear by a Deed bearing date the Ninth day of May Anno  
Domini 1738. Now the Said Jonathan Prescott and Samuel  
Prescott have Agreed to make a Division of the whole tract of  
Land aforesaid from N<sup>o</sup> 159 in the Said fourth range to  
N<sup>o</sup> 173 in the Same range As follows (Viz) the Said Samuel  
Prescott to have Sixty Acres upon the South Side: And the Said  
Jonathan Prescott to have the remaining Eighty Acres on the  
North Side. And thus the Said Samuel Prescott Agreeth to take  
as his full half of the Several pieces which he bought by

Chase Collection

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Jonathan Prescott / Kensington  
Blacksmith

Samuel Prescott / Hampton  
Yeoman

Witness Meshech Weare

Agreement re: Tract of Land



1742 March 3 Jonathan Chosen Surveyor ("8ly") And To Meet Rev. Fogg ("11") At  
Kensington Parish Meeting

(Kensington Library Vault)

At a legal meeting of the freeholders of  
the parish of Kensington holden the 11th day of  
March 1742 11ly Rev John Batchelder was Chosen  
moderator for said meeting  
2ly Gerrard Dow was Chosen Clarke  
3ly Edward Tuck was Chosen Constable  
4ly John Batchelder Richard Lanborn and  
Nathan Clough were Chosen select men  
5ly James Fogg and Abediah Johnson were  
Chosen to call the select men to  
account  
6ly Robert Row and Samuel Clifford were  
Chosen assessors  
7ly Benjamin James Nathaniel Dear born  
and Jonathan Palmer were Chosen  
tything men  
8ly Samuel Clifford Jonathan present  
and Moses Blake were Chosen surveyors  
9ly Benjamin present and Moses Blake were  
Chosen sealers of Leather  
10ly voted that Robert Row gone for a  
Constable be accepted by this parish  
in the room of Edward Tuck  
for the year 1742  
11 voted that Jonathan present and  
Jonathan Dow should go and  
agree with Mr Fogg for a standard  
concerning the money rising and  
falling and take a bond of him

**1743 March 1 Jonathan To Meet Fogg, As Per Prior Kensington Vote** (Kensington Library Vault)

Kensington March 1<sup>st</sup> 1743  
 Pursuant to a vote passed by this  
 parish March 3<sup>d</sup> 1741/2 which is as  
 follows viz That Jonathan Present and  
 Jonathan Dow should go & agree with  
 Mr Fogg for a standard concerning the  
 money's rising & falling & take a  
 bond of him accordingly we upon examina-  
 tion of the vote of this parish relating  
 to his Gallery find the parish is obliged to  
 keep up the value of the money

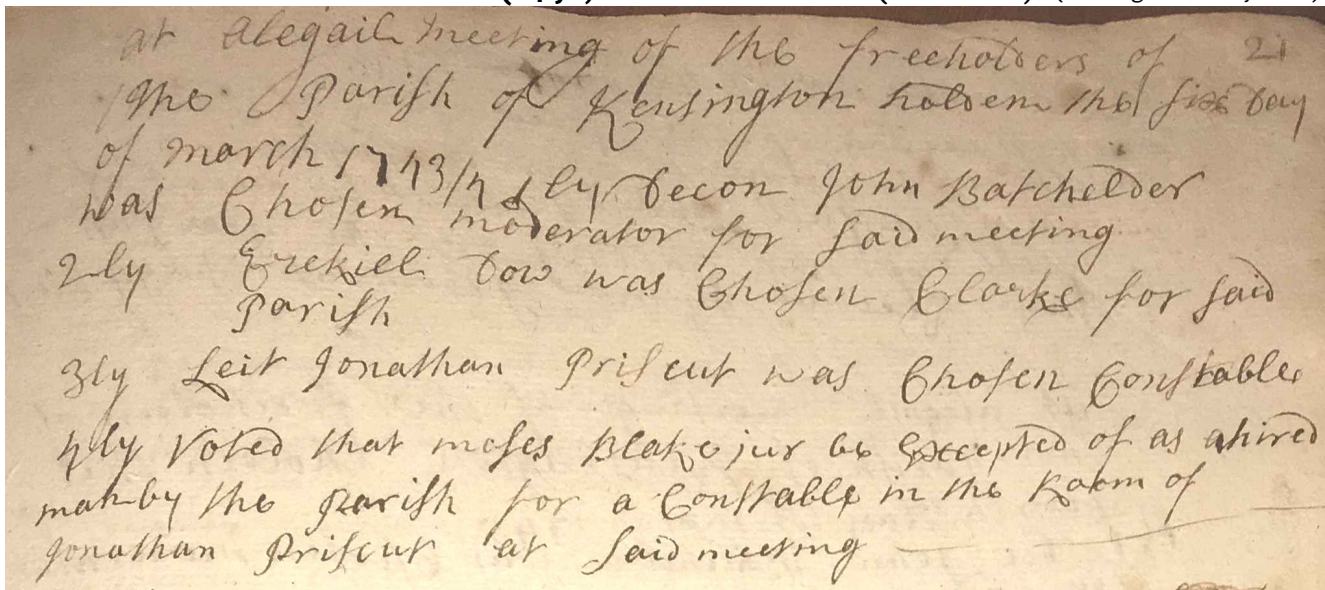
**1743 March 1 Jonathan Chosen "to Ajust The Selectmans Account" ("7 Ly") At  
 Kensington Parish Meeting**

(Kensington Library Vault)

at a Legall meeting of the freeholders of  
 the parish of Kensington holden the first day  
 of March 1743 the Deacon John Batchelder was  
 Chosen moderator for said meeting  
 the Churchward was Chosen Clarke for said parish  
 the James Perkins was Chosen Constable  
 the voted to Except of Moses Blake jur for a Constable  
 in y<sup>e</sup> Room of James Perkins as a hired man  
 the Jonathan Dow Philemon Blake and Samuel Zago were  
 Chosen Selectmen —  
 the Philip Dow Benj Present Wadleigh Gram and  
 Jonathan Brown were Chosen Lessors  
 the Jonathan Present and Obediah Johnson were Chosen  
 to adjust the Select mens Account



1743/4 March 6 "Leit" Jonathan Chosen Constable At Kingston Parish Meeting ("3ly")  
Then Substituted ("4ly") "in the room of" (instead of) (Kensington Library Vault)



at a legal meeting of the freetholders of 21  
the Parish of Kensington holden the first day  
of march 1743/4 ly Deacon John Batchelder  
was Chosen moderator for said meeting.  
2ly Ezekiel Dow was Chosen Clarke for said  
Parish  
3ly Leit Jonathan Priscut was Chosen Constable  
4ly Voted that Moses Blake jr be Excepted of as a hired  
man by the parish for a Constable in the Room of  
Jonathan Priscut at said meeting

("Leit" is presumably short for Lieutenant...but how is he?)

## Kensington Town Records State Copy, 1896 (cover page)

A copy of the earliest town records of Kensington with the orthography, capitalization and general form retained as nearly as possible. The only change being a rearrangement of the marriages births and deaths in alphabetical order with a short index. Completed by me this fifth day of September 1896.

Irving C. Gove  
Kensington,  
N. H.

By vote of the town these records were copied under the supervision of the Selectmen

John F. Gill	}	Selectmen of
Benjamin F. Rowe		Kensington
Alva Brewer		1896

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## 1745 Feb. 11 "Leut" Jonathan Chosen Moderator Of Kensington Parish Meeting; Chosen to "Let out four Shars" in the "old west division"

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23](34) At a legal meeting of the freeholders of the Parish of Kensington holden the Eleventh Day of February 1745

1 ly- Leut Jonathan Prescut was Chosen moderator for Said meeting

2 ly- Voted that a Committe be Chosen to Let out the four half Shears that were Purchased by the whole town of hampton and appropriated for the use of the minist~~ers~~ of hampton now in the Parish of Kensington Laying in the old west division So Called which was Layed out to the Rights which were Purchased of Mr. Timothy Dalton.

3 ly- Jonathan Prescut Joseph Wadleigh Benjamin Prescut Dec. Jonathan Fellows and Jonathan Brown were Chosen as a Committe to Let out the four Shars in the old west division So Called



## Reference to "Jonathan Prescott's new house" & road...."for the use...in forever"

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Kensington Februrary 11, 1744/5

A Return of a highway layed out upon the Desire of Joseph Tilton to the Selectmen of said Parish have laid Said way

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out as Joseph Wadleigh and Jonathan Prescut and Joseph Tilton have agreed the Said way to begin on Drinkwater Rode So Called on the hill near Jonathan Prescuts new house beginning at a stone in the South west Corner of Said Wadleigh

Lane one Rod wide westward from Said Wadleighs fence and Running Northerly about fifty Rods to a turn in the fence then Running Easterly by Said Wadleighs fence about twenty Rods whilst it cums two Rods upon Said Tilttons Land.

(37) Keeping the same breadth and the way to lay open for the use and benefit of Said Tilton or any other person or persons to pass and Repass in forever

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## 1745 March 4 Jonathan (The Lawyer!) chosen to "defend the Parish from...Lawsute"

Kensington Town Records State Copy, page 24

At a legal meeting of the freeholders of the Parish of Kensington holden by a Joyrnment the fourth day of March 1745.

excerpted

3 ly- Voted that a Committe be Chosen namely Jonathan Prescott and Samuel Page to carrie on any Lawsute or defend the Parish from any Lawsute that may be commenced against them

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**1745 March 4 (a second one?) "Lei" Jonathan Chosen Selectman At Kensington Parish Meeting**

Kensington Town Records State Copy, page 23

At a Legal meeting of the freeholders of the Parish of Kensington holden the fourth Day of March 1745.

1 ly- Dec. John Batchelder was Chosen moderator for Said meeting.

2 ly- Ezekiel Dow was Chosen Clerke for Said Parish.

3 ly- James Sanborn was Chosen Constable

4 ly- Lei. Jonathan Prescut Samuel Clifford and Ebenezer Brown were Chosen Selectmen

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**1745 July 1 Selectman Jonathan's Replacement Chosen "in room of" (instead of) Him; Also Date of his Will....He's Presumably Packing For His Final Trip**

Kensington Town Records State Copy, page 26

[25] At a legal meeting of the freeholders of the parish of Kensington holden the first day of July 1745.

excerpted

(38) 5 ly- Voted that Capt. Robert Row shall serve as Selectman in the Room of Jonathan Prescut

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For more information on Colonial Selectmen:

<https://www.wbrookfield.com/?SEC=143B3658-4432-4588-B5BB-EF8542DD149A>



## CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT

***Fed up with French Canadian raids on the New England coastal towns, the Colonies banded together and set out in early 1745 to settle this once and for all. In so doing, they would need to take out the mightiest military installation in the Western Hemisphere at the time, Fortress Louisbourg at the tip of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in Canada, guarding the St. Lawrence Seaway. Jonathan enlists as a Captain.***

(American Historical Register Mar-Aug 1895 "Siege of Louisbourg" p.978):

Within a period of eight weeks New Hampshire raised for the expedition a regiment of three hundred and fifty men under command of Col. Samuel Moore, and fitted out a sloop-of-war with fourteen guns, commanded by Capt. John Fernald. Moreover, one hundred and fifty men were enlisted in New Hampshire, who were aggregated to the regiment in the pay of Massachusetts. New Hampshire, therefore, exclusive of one hundred and fifteen men, who were sent to reinforce the garrison, after the surrender, furnished five hundred men or approximately one-eighth part of the entire land force in service at the siege.

The officers of the regiment of the rank of captain and above were: Colonel, Samuel Moore; lieut.-col., Nathaniel Meserve; major, Ezekiel Gilman; surg., Dr. Joseph Pierce; chap., Rev. Samuel Langdon; capt., John Flag; capt., Nathaniel Fellows; capt., John Light; capt., Henry Sherburne; capt., Jonathan Prescott; capt., Samuel Hale; capt., Edward Williams.

<https://archive.org/stream/americanhistoricalregister/page/978/mode/tup>

For more on history of the Louisbourg Expedition: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fortress\\_of\\_Louisbourg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fortress_of_Louisbourg)  
[http://www.nfb.ca/film/louisbourg\\_under\\_siege/](http://www.nfb.ca/film/louisbourg_under_siege/)

**1745 June 17/20 - According to The Prescott Memorial, Jonathan is "appointed" by the Governor as Captain of a NH company for the Louisburg Expedition in "1744".**

(Pmem p235/263)

**(Capt.) JONATHAN, (111) b. July 16, 1696; m. April 3, 1721, Judith, dau. of Ebenezer and Judith (Sanborn) Gove, b. Dec. 18, 1700. He was for several years one of the selectmen of Hampton Falls. In 1744 he was appointed, by Gov. Benning Wentworth, captain of a company in the celebrated expedition, under Sir Wm. Pepperell, against Louisburg, on**

<https://archive.org/stream/prescottmemorialloopres/page/n262/mode/tup>

.....And according to other NH official records as well:

Report of the New Hampshire Adjunct General, 1866 p.71 - here Captain Jonathan "Prescut" is enlisted June 17, 1745 AND deceased "April 12, 1746"....probably the date it was entered into the official record.

# MILITARY HISTORY—1623 TO 1861.

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OFFICERS' NAMES.	Quality.	Time of entrance into the Service.	When discharged.	Whole time in the Service.	Wages per Month.	Whole amount of Wages.
RECRUITS.		1744.	1746.	mo. da.	£ s.	£ s. d.
George Meserve,	Captain,	June 20	Nov. 11	5 4	4 10	23 3
John Light,	"	" 17	June 20			
Jonathan Prescut,	"	" "	April 12	Dec'd.		48 4 3
John Ladd,	"	" "	Nov. 10	5 7	4 10	23 12 6
Daniel McGregor,	"	" 20			4 10	37 18 6
Nathaniel Fellows,	Lient.,	" "	Sept. 30	3 19	2 10	9 3
Nathaniel Fellows,	Captain,	Oct. 1	June 20	9 11	4 10	42 5 4
Joshua Winslow,	Lieut.,	Sept. 30	" 17	9 8	3	27 17 2
Wm. Earl Treadwell,	"	Aug. 9	" "	9 8	3	27 17 1
Ezekiel Worthen,	Ensign,	June 17	Sept. 30	3 22	2	9 7 2
Ezekiel Worthen,	Lieut.,	Oct. 1	June 20	9 11	3	28 3 7
Jeremiah Veasey,	Ensign,	June 17	Sept. 30	3 22	2	7 11 5
Jeremiah Veasey,	Lieut.,	Oct. 1	June 20	9 11	2 17	28 3 7
Benjamin Bunker,	Ensign,	Aug. 10				26 9 3
John Loggin,	"	July 16	June 17	9 8	2 17	26 9 3
Josiah Philbrick,	"	Oct. 1	" 20	9 11	2 17	26 15 5
John Flagg, Jr.,	"	July 9				26 9 4
Ezekiel Pitman, Jr.,	"	June 20	June 20			34 2 6
Joseph Weare,	"	Aug. 11	June 20			26 15 4
Henry Montgomery,	"	June 20	Deceased.			25 7 3
Nath'l Meserve, Jr.,	Lieut.,	Aug. 1	Nov. 11	3 19	3	11 10

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Again, the same Report of the New Hampshire Adjunct General, 1866 as printed in [The New England Historical and Genealogical Register](#) (vol24 p.379) . Note that Jonathan Prescott, Captain, is classified as "Afterwards", i.e., as a reinforcement *after* the victory on June 17, 1745 – THE DAY HE ENLISTED. (Though, here he is enlisted on the 20th)

1870.]

*Louisbourg Soldiers.*

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*Commissions in the New-Hampshire Regiment whereof Samuel Moore, Esq., is Colonel.*

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Quality.</i>	<i>Date.</i>
Samuel Moore, Esq.	Colonel and Captain of 1st Co.	Mar. 1st, 1744
Nathaniel Meserve, Esq.	Lieut. Col. and Capt. of 2d Co.	" 1st
Ezekiel Gilman, Esq.	Major and Capt. of 3d Co.	" 1st
John Tufton Mason	Captain of a Company	" 1st
William Scaward	" " "	" 1st
John Furnell	"	" 1st
Samuel Hale	"	" 1st
Elipha. Daniel	Lieutenant	Mar. 1st
Jeremiah Wheelwright	"	" 1st
Samuel Leavitt	2d Lieutenant 1st Company	" 1st
Clement Ham	Ensign	" 1st
John Hart	" is a Lieutenant	" 1st
Robert Perkins	"	" 1st
Edward Brown	"	" 1st
Christopher Huntriss	"	" 1st
Thomas Pickering	"	" 1st
Edward Brooks	"	" 1st
John Eyre	Adjutant	" 1st
Joseph Sherburn	Captain of a Company	June 6th
Trueworthy Dudley	Captain and Lieutenant	Mar. 1st
Samuel Connor	2d Lieutenant	" 1st
Daniel Wormall	Ensign	" 1st
Jonathan Gilman	Lieutenant of Marines	April 13th
Abraham Trefethen	Captain of a Co. of Marines	" 13th

*Afterwards.*

John Light	Captain	June 20th, 1745
Jeremiah Veasey	Ensign	" 20th
Jonathan Prescott	Captain	" 20th
Ezekiel Northen	Ensign	" 20th
Samuel Hale	Major	Oct. 17th
John Flagg	Captain	Jan. 19th
Nathaniel Fellows	Captain	Oct. 17th
William Earl Treadwell	1st Lieut. of Col. Moore's Co.	Aug. 9th
Edmund Brown	1st Lieut. Capt. Williams's Co.	July 10th
Ezekiel Worthen	1st Lieut. Capt. Prescott's Co.	Aug. 10th
Jeremiah Veasey	1st Lieut. Capt. Light's Co.	Nov. 1st
Thomas Newmarch	1st Lieut. of Col. Meserve's Co.	Aug. 10th
John Loggin	Ensign Capt. Sherburn's Co.	July 16th
Benjamin Bunker	Ensign Capt. Hale's Co.	Aug. 10th
Joseph Weare	Ensign Capt. Prescott's Co.	" 10th

<sup>1</sup> Several of these Commissions are arranged under the head of "Afterwards." It seems that the other Commissions were issued before the troops left, when the force was first organized; and those *afterwards* were commissioned to fill vacancies or meet wants that were felt after they arrived at the place of destination.

From [Roll of New Hampshire Men at Louisburg, Cape Breton, 1745](#) (ROLL), Gilmore, 1896  
 Here, Capt. Jonathan enlists June 17; footnote 8 states he dies April 12, 1746 (probably date entered into the record)

NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN AT LOUISBURG.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN IN THE LOUISBURG EXPEDITION, 1745.—Cont.

NAMES.	Residence.	Enlisted.	Rank.	Company.	Reg't.
Merrill, Jacob.....	.....	June 17	Ensign	.....	Moore's.
Meserve, Nathaniel...	Portsmouth...	Feb. 13	Lt. Col.	Meserve's..	"
<sup>1</sup> Meserve, Nathaniel, Jr.	"	"	Lieut.	"	"
Meserve, George .....	"	June 20	Capt.	"	"
<sup>2</sup> Miller, Robert .....	Hampton Falls	Feb. 13	Private	.....	"
Moody, John.....	.....	"	"	.....	"
Morgan, Abraham.....	Stratham .....	Feb. 13	"	.....	"
<sup>3</sup> Morgan, John.....	Kingston .....	"	"	.....	"
Moulton, Nathaniel....	Hampton .....	"	"	.....	"
<sup>4</sup> Newmarch, Thomas..	Portsmouth...	Feb. 13	Ensign	Fellows's..	"
Norton, Caleb.....	.....	"	Private	Prescott's..	"
Nute, Paul.....	Dover.....	April 15	"	Trefethen's	"
Nelson, Joseph .....	Portsmouth...	Feb. 13	"	Hale's.....	"
Nelson, John.....	"	"	"	.....	"
<sup>5</sup> Nelson, Leader.....	"	"	"	.....	"
Nelson, James .....	.....	"	"	.....	"
Peirce, Perham .....	.....	Feb. 13	"	Moore's....	"
Perkins, George .....	.....	"	"	.....	"
Perry, John .....	.....	"	"	.....	"
Pinkham, John.....	.....	"	"	Fellows's..	"
<sup>6</sup> Pitman, Ezekiel, Jr....	Portsmouth...	Feb. 13	Ensign	"	"
Philbrick, Joseph.....	.....	"	Private	Light's.....	"
<sup>7</sup> Prescott, William.....	Epping .....	Feb. 13	"	"	"
Palmer, Growth.....	.....	"	"	Sherburne's	"
Page, David.....	Exeter .....	"	"	Prescott's..	"
<sup>8</sup> Prescott, Jonathan....	.....	June 17	Capt.	"	"
Prescott, Joseph.....	.....	"	Private	"	"
<sup>3</sup> Prescott, John.....	Kingston .....	"	"	"	"
Pressey, Paul.....	"	"	"	"	"
Perkins, Thomas.....	Rochester .....	Feb. 13	Corp.	Hale's.....	"
Perkins, Nathaniel .....	"	"	Private	"	"
Paine, John .....	Newcastle .....	"	"	Whidden's..	"
Peavey, Joseph.....	.....	"	"	"	"
Partridge, Jonathan...	Portsmouth...	Feb. 13	"	.....	"
Pease, Samuel.....	Newmarket....	"	"	.....	"
Pendexter, Edward, Jr.	.....	"	"	.....	"
Perkins, Robert .....	.....	Feb. 13	Ensign	.....	"
Philbrick, Josiah.....	.....	Oct. 10	"	.....	"
<sup>3</sup> Philbrick, Simon.....	.....	"	Private	.....	"
Pickering, Thomas .....	.....	Feb. 13	Ensign	.....	"
Pierce, Joseph.....	Portsmouth...	Mar. 16	Sur. ch'f	.....	"
Pinkham, Solomon .....	Dover.....	Feb. 13	Armorer	.....	"
Quimby, Eliphalet.....	.....	"	Private	Light's.....	"
Rand, William.....	Newcastle....	Feb. 13	"	Moore's....	"
Randall, William .....	.....	"	"	Fellows's..	"
Rawlings, Stephen .....	.....	"	"	"	"
Rawlings, Samuel.....	Newington .....	"	"	"	"
Read, Solomon.....	Dover.....	"	"	"	"
Roberts, Isaac.....	.....	"	"	"	"
Rundlett, Satchel.....	.....	Feb. 13	"	Sherburne's	"
Robinson, Benjamin...	.....	"	"	Light's.....	"
Rowe, Daniel .....	.....	"	"	Prescott's..	"
Rowe, Nathan.....	Hampton Falls	"	"	"	"
Rowe, Robert .....	.....	"	"	"	"
Richardson, Samuel....	.....	"	"	Hale's .....	"
Ring, Eliphalet .....	Portsmouth...	Feb. 13	"	"	"
Roberts, Samuel .....	Dover.....	"	"	"	"
Roberts, Thomas .....	"	"	"	"	"
Rowell, Enoch.....	Chester.....	"	"	Williams's..	"
Rand, William, Jr.....	.....	"	"	.....	"
<sup>9</sup> Rawlings, Joseph.....	Exeter.....	"	"	.....	"
Read, Samuel.....	.....	"	"	.....	"
Redman, Joseph.....	Hampton .....	"	"	.....	"

<sup>1</sup> Taken prisoner, Aug. 1, promoted to Lieutenant. <sup>2</sup> Arm shot off. <sup>3</sup> Died.  
<sup>4</sup> Promoted to Lieutenant, Oct. 5, 1745. <sup>5</sup> Taken prisoner. <sup>6</sup> Promoted to  
 Lieutenant, June 20, 1745. <sup>7</sup> Lost a leg. <sup>8</sup> Died April 12, 1746. <sup>9</sup> Wounded,  
 June 7.



**From The Shirley Papers (The Massachusetts Governor William Shirley in 1745):  
“Capt. Jonathan Prescott's Company”**

(as reprinted in New Hampshire State Papers, NHSP V.5)

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Warren Stockbridge  
Jonathan Ambrose  
Samuel Sims  
Valentine Aylmer

Samuel Miller  
John McNeil  
John Adams

James McNeil  
Patrick Gault  
Robert Cunningham

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Ensign Ezekiel Worthen  
Simon Moulton  
David Page  
Benjamin Tilton  
William Swain  
Joseph Prescott  
John Chapman  
Thomas Locke  
Nathan Dow  
Daniel Row  
Ephraim Stevens  
Ebenezer Gove  
Nathan Row

John Fellows  
William Clifford  
James Lovell  
Robert Row  
Charles Dow  
John Hutchens  
Daniel Ward  
Samuel Blake  
Joseph Weare  
Thomas Moulton  
Jonathan Choate  
Moses Davis

Joseph Weed  
John Ealet  
Jonathan Kimball  
Enoch Chase  
Thomas Chalis  
Paul Pressey  
Thomas Gimpson  
Joseph George  
Caleb Norton  
Samuel Eastman  
Robert Sweet  
William Davis

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also reprinted in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register v.25 p.268

<https://archive.org/stream/newenglandhistor25wate#page/548/mode/2up/search/prescott>

## 1745 June 17 Fortress Louisbourg Falls To The American Colonial Militia.

Coincidentally, it is the same day Capt. Jonathan is enlisted back home.

Had he known, he probably would not have gone.....and died.

He answered the call for reinforcements after Gov. Shirley told N.H. Gov. Wentworth that victory could be had if only they had more troops. He signs up June 17, not knowing of victory that very day; on July 1, he makes out his will, is replaced as Selectman, and possibly leaves shortly afterwards. Then - on **July 5** - Victory is publicly announced; by then, his fate was sealed.

Report of the New Hampshire Adjunct General, 1866 pp. 62-63

**Louisburg capitulated on the 17th of June, 1745, and “the Dunkirk of America” passed into the hands of the British Government. This event was hailed with delight throughout the colonies. The Assembly of New-Hampshire was in session when Gov. Wentworth received, by express, the news “of the surrender of Louisburg, from Lieut. General Pepperell. They immediately took action upon the subject, thus :**

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### **PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.**

**In the House of Representatives, July 5, 1745.**

**Whereas, His Excellency, by express, has this morning received advice from Lieut. General Pepperell and Col. Moore, of the surrender of Louisburg to the obedience of His Brittanic Majesty, our most gracious sovereign, &c., which letters have been laid before this House: To show how much the reduction of this place has been at heart, and our joy at the reduction thereof—**

**Voted, That there be paid, with His Excellency's order, out of the money in the public treasury for the use of the expedition, twenty-five pounds, to make such public entertainment in the town of Portsmouth and at His Majesty's Fort William and Mary, as he shall think proper on this occasion.**

**D. PEIRCE, Clerk.**

**In Council: Eod'm Die—**

**Read and concurred: THEOD'E ATKINSON, Sec'y.**

**July 6, 1745.**

**Assented to:**

**B. WENTWORTH.**



1745 JULY 5 Jonathan (Jr. or Sr?) Land Purchase (near N14? on p.45 map)

If this is the Captain, then he hasn't left yet, and probably knows about the Louisbourg Victory.

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds Bk .58 P.299)

To all People to whom these Pre-  
sents shall Come Greeting Knowye that Joseph Wadleigh of  
Hensington in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>t</sup> of New Hamp<sup>t</sup>. in New England for & in  
consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Sum of five pounds in money to me in  
Hand before y<sup>e</sup>. Ensealing hereof well & truly paid by Jona-  
than Prescott of Hensington in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>t</sup> afores<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. Receipt  
excerpted

Wadleigh  
to  
Prescut

Southwest Corner of y<sup>e</sup>. S. Wadleigh Farm. he now lives on  
& running Easterly by y<sup>e</sup>. Highway five rods & a half & then  
begining at y<sup>e</sup>. afores<sup>d</sup>. Southwest Corner & running Northerly  
by a way ten rods & from thence on a Strait line Southerly to  
y<sup>e</sup>. Easterly end of y<sup>e</sup>. afores<sup>d</sup>. five rods & a half TO have &  
to hold  
excerpted

seal dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July In Witness whereof I have here-  
unto sett my hand & seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July Annoque Domini  
1745 in y<sup>e</sup>. 18. Year of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>. Reign King George y<sup>e</sup>. 6.  
Signed Seal & Deliv<sup>d</sup>.  
Joseph Wadleigh (seal)

<https://nhintlarredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#!/search>

1745 August 9

2 top officers (but not NH Regiment Commander Moore?) write to NH Provincial Government that they are **sending Captains Jonathan Prescott** and Waldron to them in the Capital, Portsmouth to present their needs; they're looking for extra support for the unexpected, unpopular and bewildering extended occupation which "by reason his majesty's pleasure is not known" (i.e, WHY?!)

(NHSP v.5 p.370)

**THE MEMORIAL** of y<sup>e</sup> Field officers, Capts & Subaltern officers of the New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Regiment now at Louisbourg, under the Comand of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lt. General Pepperell, Esq. To his Excellency the Governor & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council & House of Representatives of said Province: *Humbly sheweth,*

That those of s<sup>d</sup> Regiment who have been here during the siege, they are of opinion should be released, that they may return to their Native Country, for Reasons too many herein to Enumerate, shall therefore mention only one or two, & leave the others, of which you may be informed by those Gentlemen who wait on your Excellency & Honours with this: First then the men are almost naked & will be quite so before winter. Secondly, their wages are too inconsiderable to induce them to stay.

And whereas it has been tho't that a Number of the Americans must garrison the city & Fortifications of Louisbourg till the spring, by Reason his Majesty's Pleasure is not known; & we apprehending that a part of the men will be part of those which belong to New Hampshire & are now in the Pay of s<sup>d</sup> Province at s<sup>d</sup> City,— We have therefore tho't proper to send Messrs Waldron & Prescot, by leave of the Comander in Chief of said City, to lay before your Excellency & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council & House of Representatives, what we conceive is necessary to be done in that case for s<sup>d</sup> men, viz. That those who must tarry (if any) should have their wages augmented in such manner that they may not be sufferers: That they have proper cloathing sent to secure them from the inclemency of the weather in this Northern climate, which we are assured, is extreme cold and stormy for five or six months in the year, by sundry of the French Gentlemen, who many years past have been Inhabitants of this City; That they also have proper Bedding, with sacks of straw in lieu of Beds afforded them, with such other things as those Persons shall Evince to you to be Reasonable for said men, and your Memorialists shall, as in Duty bound, ever Pray (1).

Sign'd at Louisbourg. Aug<sup>st</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1745

NATHL. MESERVE  
EZEKL. GILMAN

Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
James Whidden,	Ezekiel Pitman	Henry Montgomery
Jacob Tilton,	Jonathan Folsom	Ezekiel Worthan
John Furnell	Moses Sleeper	Jeremiah Veasey
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hale	Rich <sup>d</sup> Mattoon	Tho <sup>s</sup> Newmarch
. . . . . (2)	Nath <sup>l</sup> Fellows	Jacob Merrill
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John Lare	Sam. White.	Joseph Sleeper
Daniel Macgregore		Ezekiel Pitman jun.
Jonathan Prescott		Daniel Wormall.

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[*Statement of the Condition of the Men at Louisbourg, 1745.*]

To His Excellency the Governor, the Honorable the Council, and House of Representatives, of His Majesties Province of New Hampshire. —

As we are refer'd to, in the preceeding Memorial, to give further Information, touching the State of our Soldiers; and authorized thereby, to Sollicit the Honorable Court in their behalf; we humbly crave Leave, to offer this, as a Supplement thereto. —

Besides the almost Naked Condition of those of our Troops, who went first to Cape Breton; Some of them are So enfeebled, by reason of the Length and Hardships of the Siege, & for want of necessary Comforts, in the Time of it, as renders them unfit for further Service, till Recruited; others are Languishing under Sickneses, of Various kinds, and most of them, are overrun with Lice, for want of Change of Apparel, which renders their Case still more uncomfortable, Whereupon, we humbly recommend, those Poor but brave men, to your Excellency's & Honour's wise, Just, and Compassionate Consideration, Earnestly beseeching, that Such of them as desire it, may be immediatly dismiss'd, and bro't back to their Native Country, their Families, & Friends; that it may never be Said, they bravely fought themselves into a Prison; for, what Else can be Said of it If they are Compell'd to tarry, after the Expedition is Ended, as we apprehend it is, and that in a most Compleat and effectual Manner: For that, His Excellencys Proclamation of the 2 of February Last, proposed an Expedition, for the Reduction of the French Settlements, on the Island of Cape Breton, & not for the garrisoning of them; and the Enlistment, was in Consequence thereof, (namely,) for Reducing, & not for garrisoning, and we humbly appeal, to your Excellency's & Honors Judgment, whether, reducing and garrisoning, be not two things, quite different, and Distinct from each other; and if so,

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We take Leave further to Propose, that in Consideration, the Plunder (which was expected would be great,) turns out, to be but a very Trifle, they May have an additional Grant of Bounty, as a further Reward, of their Toil, Hazard, and Bravery, as the Massachusetts Troops have already had. —

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Portsmouth Sep<sup>r</sup> 24 1745

Jonathan Prentiss

mess<sup>rs</sup>. Waldron & Prentiss  
their Supp<sup>d</sup>. Petition  
1745

\* Thomas Westbrook Waldron

Memorial of W. Waldron  
& Jonathan Prentiss  
Portsmouth Sept. 24. 1745.  
deposited

These appear to be their authentic signatures.  
Handwriting suggests Waldron did the writing.



**And On This Very Day, September 24 1745, The Governor Urges The Assembly To Provide More Support To The Louisbourg Mission.**

(...and criticizes Prescott's commander Moore.)

(NHSP v.5 p.371; excerpted)

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[p. 265.]

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 1745.

*Governor's Message.*

[Copied from MS. "Governor's Messages," Vol. I, p. 863,]

*Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

I shall also lay before you his Excellency Governour Shirley's letter of the second of this month from which you may be apprized of the State of the Troops in the pay of this Government, and how necessary it is to provide for so many as shall remain the ensuing Winter, for the Protection of the city of Louisbourg, & the Battery thereon depending, and consult any thing else that may contribute to their comfortable subsistence.

Coll<sup>o</sup> Moore ought to have given me an exact account of the number of our Troops destined to remain there the winter season, but by his letter which you will herewith receive, it will appear how deficient he has been in that point w<sup>ch</sup> I attribute to the uncertainty of any troops arriving from England this Fall.

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[1745.]

services. If something of this nature is not done, few will be able with their whole wages to put themselves in the same state, with respect to their cloathing as when they entered into the service, which deserves your consideration, & shall merit my attention.

Since the surrender of the city of Louisburg I think it of absolute necessity

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pp378-9: More support voted except for Col. Moore personally who is being "recalled" (somebody's in trouble); he replies on pp777-8. Apparently they blame him for the soldiers' plight. A flurry of Louisburg support from the Provincial Government ensues in the following weeks.

**1745 September 27 Reference is made to the Prescott-Waldron plea** (NHSP (v.5 p.376)

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1745.

The House met according to adjournment. Mr. Secretary bro't into y<sup>e</sup> House y<sup>e</sup> Petition of Selathiel Denbow praying for such further allowance for his being formerly crippled in y<sup>e</sup> Canada Expedition as y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Court shall think proper, and y<sup>e</sup> Petition & memorial of y<sup>e</sup> officers at Louisbourg & *A Supplement thereto signed by*

{ T. W. Waldron  
{ Jonath Prescott

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**1745 October 5 Assembly Votes To Authorize “Capt. Jonathan Prescott” To Draw Cash Directly From The Treasury – Apparently Unusually – For His Men**  
(and if he forgets, to be held “accountable...upon Pain...”)  
(NHSP v.5 p.386; excerpted)

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Saturday Octo<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1745, A. M.

The House met according to adjournment.

A Bill for granting to his most Excellent Majesty y<sup>e</sup> sum of 8000£ towards y<sup>e</sup> support of y<sup>e</sup> Garrison of Louisbourg being read a second Time, and then adjourned for a Quar<sup>r</sup> of an Hour.

Met according to adjournment, A. M.

Voted, That there be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Trêasury of y<sup>e</sup> m<sup>o</sup>ney for y<sup>e</sup> Expedition to y<sup>e</sup> officers & soldiers or their order that last went on y<sup>e</sup> Expedition to Louisbourg as a Reinforcem<sup>en</sup>t provided they have been so long in y<sup>e</sup> Service, two months wages. And that Capt. Jonathan Prescott who is from Louisbourg to provide necessary stores for his company now at Louisbourg have Liberty to Draw out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury for each of his officers & soldiers belonging to his company two months wages as above to provide private stores &c for his men & that he give a Rec<sup>t</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> sum he shall receive & to be accountable to each of his men for y<sup>e</sup> same upon Pain of refunding said sums.

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=yale.39002088540076&view=1up&seq=412>

**LATER THAT SAME DAY, the Governor and Council concurs to "giving liberty to Capt. Prescott" to draw cash directly from the treasury to deliver to his men.**

(NHSP v.5 p.779; excerpted)

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[P. 359.] Saturday Octo. 5<sup>th</sup> 1745. Met according to adjournment.

Present [as before.]

Mr. Wear from the House bro't up a vote for enabling the Comittee appointed for sending stores to Lewisbourg to receive money into the Treasury for that end which was read at the board the Council and assented to by the Governour.

A vote of the House for giving liberty to Capt. Prescott (1) to receive out of the Treasury two months wages for the men in his company to Purchase such stores for them as they had sent for by him and alsoe Two months for the other soldiers if so much Due [P. 361.] to them — which vote was read at the board & concurr'd by the Council & assented to by the Governour.

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## The Original

(NH House Journal, NHSArchives)

Vote for Paying the  
Last Reinforcement  
to Capt. Brevint men  
Octo 5th 1745  
Copy Octo 9th

~~Monday Octo 4th 1745~~  
~~Monday Octo 4th 1745~~  
~~Monday Octo 4th 1745~~  
The House Adjourn'd 'til tomorrow 9 O'Clock

Saturday Octo. 5th 1745 — A.M.

The House met according to Adjournment  
A Bill for granting to his most Excellent Majesty of Sum of  
8000 towards Support of Garrison of Louisbourg —  
being read a second time — and then Adjourn'd for a Quar. of an Hour  
met according to Adjournment A.M. —

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Thos.<sup>d</sup> Bell Esq. & Mr. Henry Sherburne jun<sup>r</sup>. being appointed  
a committee to join &c to provide Provisions &c for 130 Soldiers &c  
to be kept at Louisbourg eight Months & to cause y<sup>e</sup> P. Provisions  
to be transported to Louisbourg, aforesaid & to transact every other  
Affair &c so forth, Took an oath for y<sup>e</sup> Discharge of P. Trust  
to y<sup>e</sup> best of their Capacity —

That there be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury of y<sup>e</sup> Money for y<sup>e</sup> Expedition  
to y<sup>e</sup> Officers & Soldiers on their order that last went on y<sup>e</sup>  
Expedition to Louisbourg as a Reinforcement provided they have  
been so long in y<sup>e</sup> Service two Months Wages And that Capt  
Jonathan Prescut who is come from Louisbourg to provide  
necessary Horses for his Company Now at Louisbourg have  
Liberty to Draw out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury for each of his Officers  
& Soldiers belonging to his Company two Months Wages as  
above to provide private Horses &c for his men & that he  
give a Rec<sup>t</sup>. to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> P. Sum, he shall receive &c  
to be accountable to each of his men for y<sup>e</sup> Same upon pain  
of refunding said Sums —



# The "Capt. Jonathan Prescott" Section & Signed "Assent" By Governor Wentworth

(Note it is for 84 Pounds for "himself + 30 ----")

(NH House Journal, NHSArchives)

Province of  
N-Hampsh. In the House of Representatives Octo. 5. 1745  
Voted — That there be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> money in y<sup>e</sup> Publick Treasury & Exp<sup>d</sup>  
dition, to y<sup>e</sup> Officers & Soldiers on their order that last went  
on y<sup>e</sup> Expedition, to Louisbourg, as a Reinforcement pro-  
vided they have been, so long in y<sup>e</sup> Service two months  
Wages — And that Capt. Jonathan Prescott who is come  
from Louisbourg to provide necessary Stores for his  
Company Now at Louisbourg have Liberty to Draw  
out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury for each of his Officers & Soldiers belonging  
to his Company two months Wages as above to provide  
private Stores &c for his men, & that he give a Receipt  
to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Sum, he shall receive & to be  
accountable to each of his men for y<sup>e</sup> Same, upon Pain  
of refunding said Sum.

Wentworth

Read in Council Read

& Concurred

Theod. Atkinson Secy

Resolved & Assented to

Wentworth

Warrant 30<sup>th</sup> Octo  
to Cap<sup>t</sup> Prescott for £84  
for himself & 30 Centenally

1745 November 20 - Official Muster Roll of his company at Louisbourg, in which "Jonathan Prescott, Captain" is *apparently* listed as "Gone Home On Furlough". *Apparently*, because that phrase is arguably adjacent to two other names, Dow or Hutchins.

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Report of the New Hampshire Adjunct General, 1866 p.66  
**ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.**

*Captain Prescott's Company.*

Jonathan Prescott, Captain,	Charles Dow,
(Gone home on furlough.)	John Hutchins,
Ezekiel Worthen, Ensign,	Daniel Ward,
Simon Moulton,	Sam'l Blake,
David Page,	Joseph Weare, (sick)
Benj. Tilton,	Thomas Moulton,
William Swain,	Jona. Choate, (sick)
Joseph Prescot,	Moses Davis, "
John Chapman,	Joseph Weed, "
Thomas Lock,	John Ealet,
Nathan Dow,	Jona. Kimball,
Daniel Rowe,	Enoch Chase,
Ephraim Stevens,	Thomas Chalis,
Eben Gove,	Paul Pressey,
Nathan Rowe,	Thos. Gimpson,
John Fellows,	Joseph George,
William Clifford,	Caleb Norton,
James Lovell,	Sam'l Eastman,
Joseph Gove,	Robert Sweet,
John Prescot,	William Davis.
Robert Rowe,	

*Captain Hale's Company*

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nyp.33433081902300&view=1up&seq=110>

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Col. Moore's Company,	48 men,	sick, 3
✓ Capt. Fellows' "	43 "	" 3
✓ Capt. Light's "	47 "	" 5
Capt. Sherburn's "	29 "	" 1
✓ Capt. Prescott's "	40 "	" 4
Capt. Hale's "	32 "	" 1
Capt. Williams' "	18 "	" 1
	<hr/> 257	<hr/> 18 sick
In the Massachusetts pay,	51	men in ye
In New-Hampshire pay,	208	Reg't.
Louisburg, Nov. 20, 1745.		

SAM'L MOORE. Colonel.



1746 January 18      CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT  
R.I.P.

(NEHGR vol 58 p136)

DEATHS IN HAMPTON, N. H., 1727-1735.

Communicated by REV. JOHN W. LANE, of North Hadley, Mass.

[Concluded from page 36.]

AN ACOUNT OF THE DEATHS AMONG US THE YEAR 1746

febr 12: mr Jonathan Elkins Died

on Lords Day febr 23: arived the malencholy tidings of the Death of  
several young men y<sup>t</sup> belonged to this town that Died at Cape  
breton namely Jabez Towl: Abner Samborn James marston,  
Nathaniel Wear and William Hews & David moulton  
as also Cap<sup>t</sup> Prescut of Kensington and Simon moulton of Chester

<https://archive.org/stream/newenglandhisto31unkngoog#page/n153/mode/1up>

1745/6 January 18 Death Entry in Kensington town records (Kensington Library Vault)

36<sup>o</sup> January the eighteenth 1745/6 Died the  
honourable Capt Jonathan Prescott at Cape  
Breton in the fifti<sup>th</sup> year of his age  
The Rev<sup>d</sup> Jeremiah Togg departed this life  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 1789 Aged 77 and in the 52<sup>nd</sup> year of  
his Ministry

1746 January 18 Death Entry in Kensington church records (Kensington Library Vault)

1745	Sep 13	Children of Ephraim Worthen	sore throat
	Oct 26	Phoebe Daughter of Ebenezer Gove	11 "
		2 Children of Isaac Tellous	" "
	29	Child of Malvior Hardy	infant "
		Child of Moses Shan	" "
		Child of Plilemon Blake	" " 18
1746	Jan 18	Jonathan Prescott	9 "
	Feb 3	Child Luther Morgan	" "

**1746 April 30 Captain Jonathan Prescott's Will Of July 1, 1745, "Proved"** (official)  
(interestingly, the name is spelled in the will as prescott, presscott, prescut, prescutt)

NHSP Vol.33 p.272-75

JONATHAN PRESCOTT 1745 KENSINGTON

In the Name of God Amen. This first Day of July Anno Domini 1745. I Jonathan Presscot of the Parish of Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire in New England Gentleman,  
\* \* \*

Item. I give & bequeath unto Judith my beloved Wife all my Moveables within Doors to her & her Heirs for ever. Also the Improvement of the one Half of all my Real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls during her Widow-Hood, or being my Widow.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Presscot, & unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever; He paying out as hereafter Mentioned, the one Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadow, or

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Real-Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls. And he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage, or Death. Also a Sixth Part of a whole Original Right, except the Home Lot, laying in the Township of Chester in s<sup>d</sup> Province.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jesse, and unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever, He paying out as hereafter mentioned, the other Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadow, or real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls, & he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage or Death.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my two Sons Nathan Gove, & Micha & unto their Heirs & Assigns for ever, All my Estate in Housings & Lands lying in the Parish of Epping in said Province of New Hampshire, to be equally divided betwixt them.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Sons Jonathan, Jesse, Nathan Gove, & Micha, & unto their Heirs & Assigns for ever, all my Estate or Rights of Land lying in the Township of Gilman-Town in s<sup>d</sup> Province, equally to be divided Amongst them; If either of s<sup>d</sup> Sons should die before he come to the Age of Twenty-one Years, then his Part shall be equally divided to and among my surviving Sons.

Item. My Will is that my Son Jonathan pay One hundred Pounds new Tenor to the Bank of this Province, where I am obliged.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Miriam & her Heirs one hundred Pounds old Tenor, to be paid by my Son Jonathan at her Day of Marriage, or twenty one Years of Age, which shall first happen.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Judith Row Ten Pounds old Tenor, She having receiv'd considerable allready, & to be paid unto her or her Heirs within one Year after my decease by my Son Jesse.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Abigail, & unto her Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor, to be paid by my Son Jesse







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In the Name of God Amen. This first Day of July Anno Domini 1745. Jonathan Prescott, of the Parish of Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire in New England Gentleman, being of sound Mind & Memory, but calling to Mind my Mortality do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say principally & first of all I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God, who gave it, hoping thro' the Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to inherit everlasting Life. And my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried, at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named. And as touch-  
 ing such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I give & devise & dispose of the same, in the following Manner.

First. I will that all my just Debts that I owe to any Person or Persons be well & truly paid by my Executors hereafter named in convenient Time after my Decease.

Item. I give & bequeath unto Judith my beloved Wife all my Moveables within Doors to her & her Heirs for ever. Also the Improvement of the one Half of all my Real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton Falls during her Widowhood, or being my Widow.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Prescott, unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever, the paying out as hereafter mentioned, the one Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadows, or Real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton Falls. And he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage, or Death. Also a Sixth Part of a whole Original Right, except the Home Lot lying in the Township of Chester in said Province.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jesse, and unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever, the paying out as hereafter mentioned, the other Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadows, or real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton Falls, & he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage or Death.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my two Sons Nathan-Grove, & Micha-  
 unto their Heirs & Assigns for ever, all my Estate in Houses & Lands lying in the Parish of Epping in said Province of New Hampshire, to be equally divided betwixt them.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Sons Jonathan, Jesse, Nathan-Grove, & Micha, & unto their Heirs & Assigns for ever, all my Estate & Rights of Land lying in the Township of Gilman Town in said Province, equally to be divided Among them; If either of said Sons should die before he come to the Age of Twenty-one Years, then his Part shall be equally divided to and among my surviving Sons.



Item. My Will is that my Son Jonathan pay One hundred Pounds new Tenor to the Bank of this Province, where I am obliged.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Miriam <sup>her Heirs</sup> one hundred Pounds old Tenor, to be paid by my Son Jonathan at her Day of Marriage, or twenty one Years of Age, which shall first happen.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Judith Row Ten Pounds old Tenor, she having received considerable already, to be paid unto her or her Heirs within one Year after my decease by my Son Jesse.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Abigail, & unto her Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor, to be paid by my Son Jesse at her Day of Marriage, or twenty one Years, which shall first happen.

Item. I give unto my Daughters Elizabeth, Rachel & Penima, unto each of them, & unto each of their Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor to be paid unto them & each of them, & unto each of their Heirs by my Son Jesse at their particular Day or Days of Marriage or twenty one Years of Age, which shall first happen.

Item. I do hereby constitute & ordain my Wife Judith & my Son Jonathan Prescote Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke all & every other Testament & Will heretofore by me made & willed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Jonathan Prescote have hereunto set my Hand & Seal, the Day & Year above written.

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Jonathan Prescote to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us

Joseph Sisson

Abraham Prescott  
Benjamin Row

As the words before & her Heirs were understood before signing.

As where it is said I give to my Daughters Elizabeth, Rachel & Penima & unto each of them, & unto each of their Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor, the meaning is, that I give, Elizabeth one hundred Pounds old Tenor, & Rachel one hundred Pounds old Tenor, & Penima one hundred Pounds old Tenor, & if they or either of them die before they come of Age, & then their hundred Pounds should be given to their Heirs.

Furthermore it is my will that if my wife dies before the young children are capable to maintain themselves that they shall be brought up out of the half of the Estate which my wife was to have & improvement of during her widow hood

Joseph Sisson

Abraham Prescott  
Benjamin Row

Jonathan Prescote



**Cover Page Of Captain Jonathan "Presscott"'s Proved Will**  
(NHSArchives)

The Last Will & Testa-  
ment of Jonathan Presscott  
Late of the Parish of Hensington  
to Deceased proved April 30<sup>th</sup>  
1746  
Recorded  
Book 1738-1746  
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**1746 May 28 Inventory Cover Of Captain Jonathan's Estate**  
(NHSArchives)

An Inventory of the Estate  
of Jonathan Presscott Late of  
Hensington Deceased Esq: May  
28<sup>th</sup> 1746  
Recorded  
Book 1746-50  
Page 8

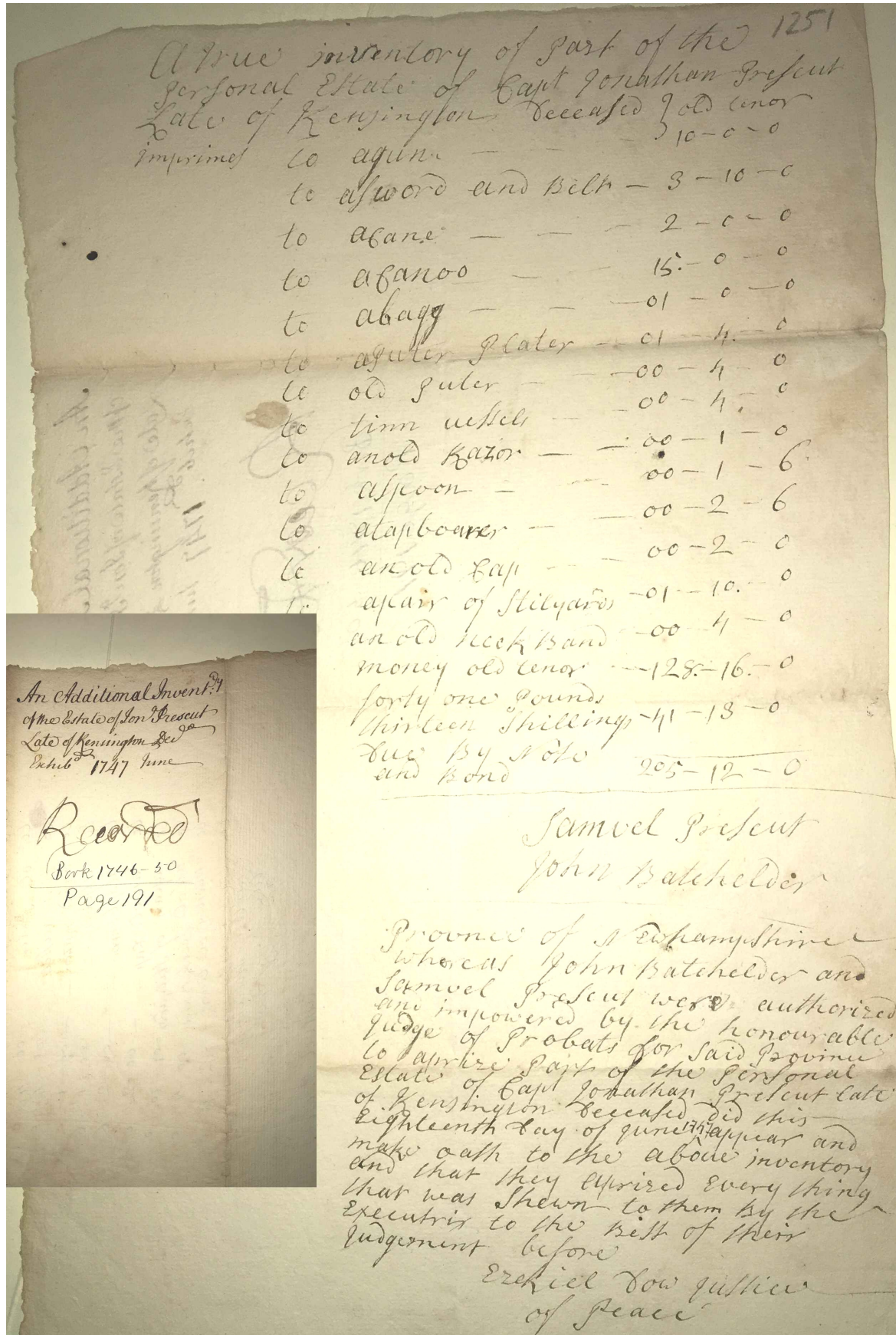


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An Inventory of the Estate of Captain Jonathan Prescott Late of Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire Decedent as it was appraised by Messrs. Wm. and Samuel Prescott May 26<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini 1746 Pursuant to a Warrant from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Judge of Probate &c.

Imp <sup>t</sup> :	To the Home Place Containing about Eighty five acres of Land with two Houses two Barns & other Buildings &c.	2875-0-0
Item	To a Piece of Land Containing about fifteen acres Lying at a Place called Red Oak Ridge in Kensington aforesaid	270-0-0
	To a Piece of Salt Marsh Containing about four acres Lying in Hampton falls formerly Isaac Effords marsh the Income of which chiefly belongs to Jonathan Prescott father of & decedent during his life	30-0-0
	To a Piece of Land lying in the Parish of Epping Containing about Eighty acres Bought of Moses Conner and others with a Barn on the same	660-0-0
	To a Piece of Land of about twenty acres Lying in said Epping in the same Range with the Eighty acres	100-0-0
	To a Sixth Part of an Original Right in the Township of Chester Except the Home Lott	120-0-0
	To a Right in the Township of Gilmanton	30-0-0
	To Husbandry Tools	48-8-0
	To Blacksmiths Tools and old Iron	37-15-0
	To a Grind Mill & Press & appurtenances	12-0-0
	To One Horse	40-0-0
	To a Saddle Bridle & Bit	6-15-0
	To two Oxen	35-0-0
	To Seven Cows	84-0-0
	To two three year old Steers	30-0-0
	To four Year olds	22-0-0
	To five Calves	10-0-0
	To thirty one Sheep and lambs	35-0-0
	To Swine	15-10-0
	To a Gun Cartridgeboxes & Powder Horn	9-3-0
	To one Feather Bed & Bedding & furniture	23-0-0
	To Another Feather Bed and Bedding	30-0-0
	To Another Feather Bed and Bedding	20-0-0
	To Other Bed and Bedding	24-0-0
	Carried Over	4607-11-0







# 1753 July 25 Account Of Administration Of Captain Jonathan's Estate

(NHSArchives)

<p>The Account of Jonathan Prescott And Richard Sanborn &amp; Judith his Wife which said Jonathan &amp; Judith are Executors of the last Will &amp; Testament of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Prescott late of Hensington Deceased Exhib<sup>d</sup> July 25<sup>th</sup> 1753</p> <p>The said Accountants Charge themselves with the Personal Estate of the said Testator as per Inventory Exhibited amounting to</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£1125:15:6</p>		<p>And prays for Allowance of the following Articles of Discharge</p>	
<p>Province of N. H. Court of Probate held at Portsmouth New Hampshire for said Province on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1753 before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Andrew Wiggins Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of the Probate of Wills &amp;c for said Province <sup>they</sup> said acc<sup>t</sup> being Examined &amp; approved by Proper Vouchers &amp; the acc<sup>t</sup> Oath it is <del>ordered</del> <sup>hereby</sup> allowed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A<sup>nd</sup> Wiggins</p>		<p>By paid at the Court of Probate for proving the Will } £4-0-0</p> <p>By time &amp; Expenses in going to Portsmouth to prove the Will } 4-0-0</p> <p>By paid the Appraisers for taking the Inventory &amp; expens<sup>e</sup> on them } 8-0-0</p> <p>By fees at the Court when tak<sup>n</sup> the Inventory } 2-0-0</p> <p>By time &amp; Expenses <del>in</del> in going to Court } 4-0-0</p> <p>By paid for Copy of Will &amp; Inventory } 2-0-0</p> <p>By paid for bring<sup>g</sup> up a Child four years &amp; an half } 284-0-0</p> <p>two hundred &amp; thirty four Weeks at 20<sup>th</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Week</p> <p>By Cash paid Joshua Gilman } 10-0-0</p> <p>By Ditto Jonathan Carn } 1-0-0</p> <p>By Ditto Benjamin Carn } 2-15-6</p> <p>By Ditto Challis Dow } 10-0-0</p> <p>By Ditto to William Swain } 10-0-0</p> <p>By Ditto to Simon Garland } 0 14-0</p> <p>By Ditto to John Hutchinson } 12-0-0</p> <p>By Ditto to Benjamin Butler } 10-00-0</p> <p>By Ditto to Mad<sup>m</sup> Elizabeth Parsons } 62-10-0</p> <p>By Ditto Daniel Haman } 1-0-0</p> <p>By Ditto John Robinson } 1-0-0</p> <p>By Ditto Joshua Prescott } 3-12-0</p> <p>By Ditto George Saffry Esq<sup>r</sup> } 3-0-0</p> <p>By Ditto Cap<sup>t</sup> J. Waldron } 12-10-9</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Samuel Blake } 0 15-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Thomas Knollard } 10-0-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Jane Stephens } 10-0-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> John Sellers } 10-0-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> David Page } 5-0-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Abraham Sanborn } 2-2-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> John Steper } 3-14-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> John Loevin } 6-5-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Ebenezer Good paid to Joseph Wear } 10-0-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Mad<sup>m</sup> Eliz<sup>a</sup> Parsons } 50-0-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Joshua Gilman } 3-10-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Eliza Mudgett } 1 19-3</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Robert Row } 0 12-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Caleb Gilman } 2-5-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> Margret Ward } 4-16-0</p> <p>By D<sup>o</sup> John Sherburne } 26-10-6</p> <p>By a Note which was Inventoryd &amp; <sup>part of</sup> <del>was</del> lost thro<sup>o</sup> Insolvency } 9 10-0</p> <p>By time &amp; trouble &amp; Expenses in suing one of the Notes that was Inventoryd } 1-10-0</p> <p>By household Goods given the Widow in the Dec<sup>re</sup> } 238-01-0</p> <p>Will amounting to</p> <p>By time &amp; Expenses in Collecting Debts due to &amp; Paying Debts due from the Estate &amp; carrying on the Administration } 40-</p> <p>By paid for drawing this Account } 1-10-0</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried forward £840 4 10</p>	



1753 July 25 Account of Administration Summary of Captain Jonathan's Estate  
(NHSArchives)

Articles of Discharge brot over £ 84<sup>0</sup> 4<sup>0</sup> 0  
 By a journey to Portsmouth to }  
 Exhibit this Account being 3 Persons } 10 - 0 - 0  
 By fees for Examining allowing & }  
 Recording this Account } - 3 - 0 - 0  
 By paid for a Copy of this Account 2<sup>0</sup> 0 - -  
 Bal<sup>d</sup>. in the adm<sup>r</sup>. hands 855<sup>0</sup> 4<sup>0</sup> 0  
 27<sup>0</sup> 0 11 16  
 811 2 5 15 16

1753 July 25 Account of Administration Of Captain Jonathan's Estate (cover)

Jonathan Prescott's Bal<sup>d</sup>  
 of admin<sup>r</sup>. of the Estate of Jon<sup>d</sup>  
 Prescott late of Kensing London dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Ex<sup>h</sup>. 25 July 1753  
 Recorded  
 Book 1750-54  
 Page 487



## A Minor Mystery Solved

### Jonathan Prescott Death Record #1

(NH Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics)

Name... *Capt. Jonathan Prescott*  
Place of Death... *Cape Breton*  
Date of Death... *Jan. 18* 1745  
Age: Years, Months, Days,  
Place of Birth  
Sex... *M* Color... Married, Single, }  
Widowed, or }  
Divorced, }  
Occupation  
Cause of Death  
Place of Burial  
Name of Father  
Maiden Name of Mother  
Birthplace of Father  
Birthplace of Mother  
Occupation of Father  
Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said Death.  
Reported from  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.  
I hereby certify that the above death record is a correct transcript as  
required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.  
*Herbert M. Prescott*  
Clerk of *Kensington*  
Date *Aug 26 1905*

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-63J9-BSB?i=792&wc=QZV2-292%3A1042767901%3Fcc%3D1601211&cc=1601211>

This is a Death Record in the “Index To Death Records Prior to 1900, Bureau Vital Records and Health Statistics, Concord, New Hampshire”, on page 793.  
We see it was written and dated August 26, 1905....150 years after the Captain died.  
A Herbert M. Prescott, then Town Clerk of Kensington, certifies, pursuant to a new state law, that this record is a “correct transcript” of the death of “Capt. Jonathan Prescott” in “Cape Breton”, on “Jan. 18, 1745” (sic).

BUT.....on page 800 in the same volume, another certificate appears:

## Jonathan Prescott Death Record #2

(NH Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics)

Name.....	Jonathan Prescott		
Place of Death.....	Kensington, N H		
Date of Death.....	Jan. 18	1745	
Age: Years, .....	Months, .....	Days, .....	
Place of Birth.....			
Sex.....	Color.....	Married, Single, } Widowed, or } Divorced, }	
Occupation .....			
Cause of Death .....			
Place of Burial.....			
Name of Father .....			
Maiden Name of Mother .....			
Birthplace of Father .....			
Birthplace of Mother .....			
Occupation of Father.....			
Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said Death.	Rev. Jeremiah Fogg Kensington, N H		
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.			
I hereby certify that the above death record is a correct transcript as required by Chap. 21, Session Laws, 1905.			
Herbert M. Prescott			
Clerk of .....	Kensington, N H		
Date.....	Sept 12 1905		

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Dated Sept 12, 1905, the same Kensington Town Clerk Herbert M. Prescott now certifies as a “correct transcript” of a “Jonathan Prescot” also as dying on Jan. 18, 1745.... but, Place Of Death in **“Kensington, NH”**.

A Rev. Jeremiah Fogg of Kensington is “reporting said death”.

Did Town Clerk Prescott have reason to believe that Captain Jonathan actually died in Kensington or was *buried* in Kensington? Afterall, Rev. Fogg was the Kensington Church Pastor at the time and could have had knowledge of both events; this is the same Fogg that Jonathan was assigned to meet as we have seen on March 3, 1742 & March 1, 1743. Also, were *any* dead Louisbourg militiamen brought home for burial?



Death Certificate #1 appears to reflect the death entry that Town Clerk Prescott saw in the previously posted **1745/6 January 18 Death Entry In Kensington Town Records** (in which, coincidentally, Fogg's death entry appears right after Captain Jonathan's).

Death Certificate #2 appears to reflect the death entry that Town Clerk Prescott saw in the previously posted **1746 January 18 Death Entry In Kensington Church Records**. Rev.Fogg's church book does not mention Cape Breton as place of death and is thus assumed by Town Clerk Prescott to mean Kensington, like the other entries.

These two entries account for the two different death certificates written by the same person!.....AND A Prescott at that!

These certificates are also found in:

[http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=FSNewHampshireDeath&h=211252&indiv=try&o\\_cvc=Image:OtherRecord&requ=303465209561088&ur=0](http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=FSNewHampshireDeath&h=211252&indiv=try&o_cvc=Image:OtherRecord&requ=303465209561088&ur=0)

## SO, JUST WHERE IS CAPTAIN JONATHAN PRESCOTT?

### He's Almost Certainly Buried on Rochefort Point, Fortress Louisbourg

From : annemarie.lanejonah@pc.gc.ca

To : prescotd@juno.com

Cc : Louisbourg.Info@pc.gc.ca

Subject : Re: Fw: Burial Sites

Date : Wed, Apr 17, 2013 07:31 AM

Goodmorning,

The New England burials were not marked because of the nature of the event, an epidemic of dysentery and/or typhus, but we do know of their approximate location. They took place on Rochefort Point, on the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, just outside the Fortress walls. This area can be visited as part of the "Ruins Walk." There is a GPS guided tour available through our guide service that provides more in depth information about events in that area, including burials. There is a monument on Rochefort Point placed by the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars in 1895 to commemorate the New England soldiers who died at Louisbourg. As well there are a series of panels explaining a mass grave associated with the epidemic found on that point. This discovery has lead to considerable research on the soldiers from New England. This is a moving and important part of Louisbourg's dramatic history that we are proud to share; any of our staff would be happy to answer questions and help you find the locations associated with the New Englanders.

I wish you a pleasant journey this summer, and hope we see you at Louisbourg.

We are celebrating our 300th anniversary this summer so there are many special events taking place that may be of interest. all the best,

AnneMarie Lane Jonah, Historian/Historienne

Parks Canada ParcsCanada

Fortress of Louisbourg

259 chemin Park Service Road

Louisbourg, N.S./ N-Ã% B1C 2L2

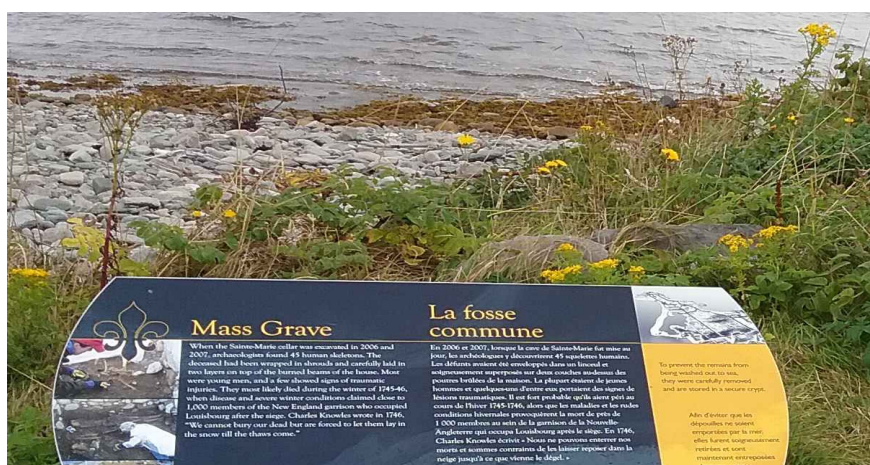
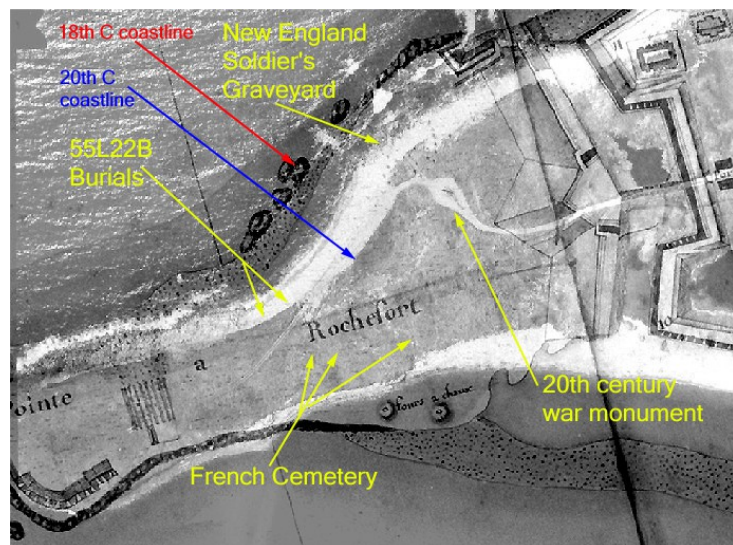
1895 General Soc of Col Wars [Almon, Rochefort Point: A Silent City in Louisbourg, Glace Bay, Cape Breton, 1940, p. 13



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## 2017: As The Shoreline Shrinks, Graves Are Exposed Or Eroded



So, where is our Captain Jonathan Prescott buried? Quite possibly right behind me....



....where University of New Brunswick archaeologists are slowly excavating remains from this gravesite.

For more on this project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CON1TiWE46A>  
<https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/departments/anthropology/research/bioarchaeology/index.html>  
<https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/departments/anthropology/research/bioarchaeology/news.html>  
<https://www.facebook.com/unbbioarchaeologyfieldschool/videos/vb.243684432717234/1482398748560679/?type=2&theater>

## A CALL TO ACTION

From: "prescotd@juno.com"

To:

Cc:

Subject: New England Patriots Who Deserve Better

Date: Mon, Feb 06, 2017 11:56 AM

Dear Friends,

allow me to implore your attention - and through you other DAR chapters and Historical Societies throughout New England - a matter which I strongly believe deserves your consideration.

As we speak, the remains of New Hampshire and other New England patriots are literally floating out to sea or are rotting in mass graves in a remote, cold, wind-swept spit of land....in Canada. They're only crime was serving beyond their call of duty after winning the most stunning victory most Americans have never heard of.

I speak of the unlikely successful siege in 1745 by New England Militia of the greatest fortress in the Western Hemisphere at that time - Louisbourg in Cape Breton, Canada.

While I recognize that you are already familiar with this important event in colonial-era America, you might not know that in recent years these mass graves - on the shoreline and under shallow dirt - are being eroded by the unrelenting pounding sea.

My review of this matter finds the Canadian authorities doing the best they can with the resources they have; indeed, this spring - only months away - they intend to continue exhumations from only one small site and to re-inter exposed remains. But there are still 500 -800 New England militia unceremoniously stacked in mass graves and at risk. And I dare say that the thousands and thousands of their descendants - like me - would like to know that....and, do something about it.

I am suggesting that this matter should be a shared responsibility, that we as Americans, New Englanders, and descendants of these heroes step up and get involved with the Canadians in the planning and funding of an appropriate final resolution.

While I hesitate to make the Normandy comparison, it is none-the-less true that these farmers, blacksmiths, etc. from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, and Connecticut are in fact buried in another country after having answered the call to protect their homeland and secure the future that we enjoy today.

I would be happy to share other information and suggestions I have on this matter. In the meantime, and for your review, I offer the following link which is an excellent presentation given last year by the chief archaeologist at Fortress Louisbourg: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CON1TiWE46A>

Our brave ancestors don't need another monument, they need a dignified final resting place – home.

Cordially,

Douglas Prescott

New York City



Excerpts from

LOUISBOURG  
JOURNALS

1745

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NINTH JOURNAL

CHAPLAIN STEPHEN WILLIAMS

This distinguished Colonial minister was long in charge of the parish of Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He was born on May 14, 1693, and died on June 10, 1782. At Louisbourg he was a chaplain at large to the land army, although certainly attached to Col. John Choate's Eighth Massachusetts Regiment, and he arrived there on Saturday, July 6, 1745, in the frigate *Massachusetts*.

The diary of Mr. Williams presents a picture of the expedition unlike that given by any other of the participants. It is a dreary and gloomy record filled with notes of the ceaseless demands upon him by the sick and dying. McLennan in his *Louisbourg From Its Foundation to its Fall* writes of the trying period which followed the excitement and glamour of the attack and the victory, "the garrison settled down to what to them would have seemed a dreary winter, with their only occupation the repair of the fortifications and buildings. It proved more than a dreary autumn and winter. Louisbourg at its best was a town of narrow streets and lanes. The interruption to ordinary life of the siege had resulted in an accumulation of filth that turned the town into a midden. The change from sleeping in the open, to infected barracks and houses was unwholesome, and the entries in the diaries of these months is a dreary repetition of sickness and burials. Warren,

July 24, 1745 Louisbourg Chaplain Williams dines with Capt "Prescot"

24 prayd at the Citadell, and Hospitall — The young man, belonging to capt Byles' company is dead this morning — his name — was Mallett things are managd strangely at the Hospitall yet, I pray God, to direct me, what to do — in this affair — went to Mr [Elisha] Williams and walkd in the city — dind — at Home — capt [Jonathan] prescot being with me — . after dinr vistd capt

## Chaplain Williams Diary References Captain "prescots Company"

August 13, 1745

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there — J. [Joshua] Geary is I hope better — and the rest — able to move — tho some poorly of it. returnd to the city prayd in the Hospitall, and with dr pynchon, H. Barker, above mentiond — dyd — this day — as did one James Stuart belonging to capt: [Jonathan] prescots company — who was Sick but a few days — N. B.

November 14, 1745

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14. morning Citadel. visitd — at capt: [Charles] doolittles he is Sick and severall of the men, visitd — at the House where capt: Baker lived — and at the collonell House — went in to see dr [Gillam] Taylor — who is I hope, upon the Recruit — then, I went into the Hospitall, and prayd with them and I found six men dead there. two of the men of warrs men, and the other four were. one Kelly of capt: [Jonathan] prescots — company, one Coreh of Rhodeisland one of capt: J [John] Warners — men, or

November 15, 1745

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15 morning citadel — one of capt: [Jonathan] Careys men was Burid visitd — at — capt: [Charles] doolittles — capt: [Thomas] Chenys — capt: [Isaac] Coltons — . dind — with collonell [Samuel] More — . visitd — the Generall, who is not very well — . this day were burid — one matthew Slarrow of collonell [Samuel] Willards regiment and capt: [Jonathan] Hubbards company. one jeremiah Hall, of capt: [Samuel] Rhodes company, and collonell [Jeremiah] Moltons regiment, and one of capt [Jonathan] prescots — men of the same regiment. his name I could not learn and one

.....he had only 2 months left to live.



**SO.....we are left with this final, sad reference:** (History of Hampton Falls, p.239)

The distance from Portsmouth was six hundred miles. Rhode Island and Connecticut, by legislative authority, furnished troops; New York sent a supply of artillery; Pennsylvania and New Jersey sent provisions and clothing. The forces were successfully landed near Louisbourg, April 30, 1745, and by successful maneuvering the city was surrendered with little fighting, June 17, on the forty-ninth day of the siege. The French reported a loss of two hundred men during the siege. Much sickness and many deaths occurred, owing to the unhealthy surroundings where the men were encamped. At the end of January, 1746, 561 men had died. In May, 1746, Governor Shirley wrote that 890 men had died during the winter. Outside the gate, near the old limekiln, the forgotten bones of more than five hundred New England men lie to this day, under the coarse, neglected grass. We have the names of five Hampton Falls men (and there are probably more) who died there.

<https://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhoobrow#page/n272/mode/1up/search/williams>

(If "890" died there, and "more than 500" are buried there....then might some have been shipped home? Perhaps. Captain Jonathan? Not likely, as the waters around Louisbourg would have been frozen at the time of his death, with no chance of homebound ships)

Said to be a painting of the American Colonialists landing at Louisbourg Fortress:



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege\\_of\\_Louisbourg\\_\(1745\)#/media/File:Vue\\_du\\_debarquement\\_anglais\\_pour\\_l\\_attaque\\_de\\_Louisbourg\\_1745.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Louisbourg_(1745)#/media/File:Vue_du_debarquement_anglais_pour_l_attaque_de_Louisbourg_1745.jpg)  
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**Post Script:**

**A few years later, the British GAVE THE WHOLE DAMN FORT BACK to the French!**

ALSO, is this Jonathan, a year before enlisting ? He was a Blacksmith and *could* have produced these arms.

1744 June 22

Fryday June 22<sup>d</sup> 1744. Met according to adjournment.

Present his Excelency Governour Wentworth.

George Jaffrey	} Esqs.	Theodore Atkinson	} Esqs.
Jotham Odiorne		Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird	
Henry Sherburne		Sam <sup>l</sup> Smith	
Joseph Sherburne		John Downing	
Ellis Huske		Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly.	

The Comittee appointed to make an Estimate of the Charge &c that will be necessary for carrying on the Warr made their report which was read & sent down by the Sec<sup>r</sup>.

His Excelency Informed the Council that he had lately Impress'd a number of small Arms which he Imagined belonged to his Majesty & that he had lodged them in his Majestys Fort— [p. 250.] that this Day Mr. Prescott had demanded the s<sup>d</sup> Arms as belonging to him & his Property and asked the advice of his Majestys Council what he should do thereon. To which the Council did advise that the s<sup>d</sup> arms should Lay in the s<sup>d</sup> fort till his Excelency could be further informed of the Property thereof.

~~Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock~~

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1744 December 19

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1744.

To acquaint them that there is now an owner for the fifty Arms he lately Impressed & Lodged in his Majestys Fort Wm & Mary & that he had Promised either that the s<sup>d</sup> owner should be paid for his arms or have them Delivered to him & therefore Desired their Imediate resolve that he might act accordingly.

And alsoe to Desire they would come to some resolve on the affairs of Mason & Thomlinson Agreement.

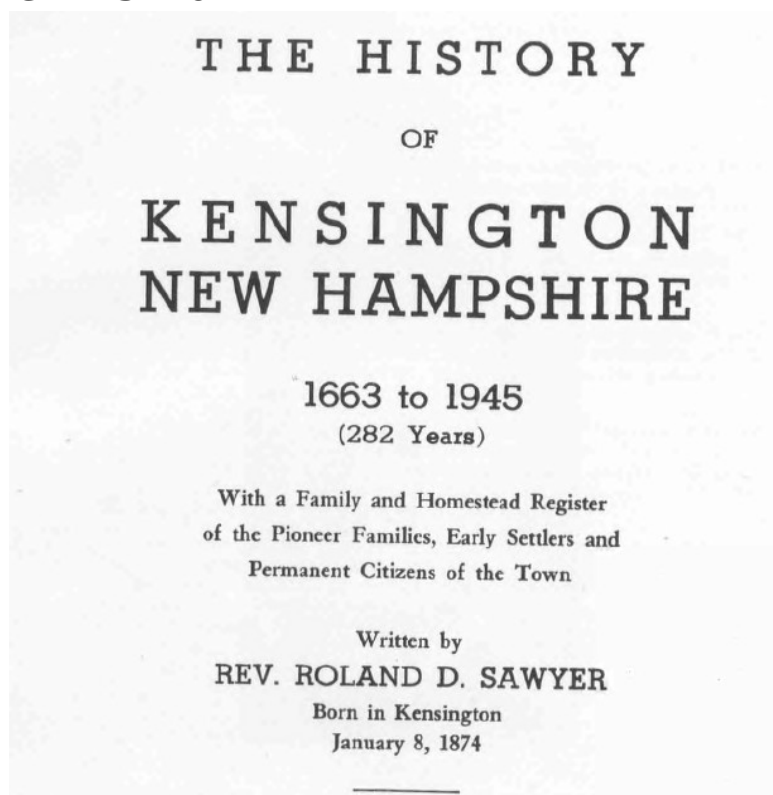
Mr. Jennes from the House with a vote for choice of a Comittee to meet with Mr. Prescott about the arms mentioned in his Excelencys mess<sup>a</sup> of this day which was read & a Comittee added & concurred & assented to by the Governour.

And alsoe An Act the better to Enable the Proprietors of Not-

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## JONATHAN JR.- RELATED EXCERPTS FROM:



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The date that the other householders, who were here in 1732, located in Kensington I have not traced out. I give their names below, with date of birth and marriage, and it is probable that they all came here upon their marriage, or very soon after.

The "New Hampshire State Papers" preserve the petitions signed in 1732 by 60 householders in what is now Kensington, and state that these are in addition to Quakers, who were not asked to sign. The List gives the 60 names, with the Quakers whose names are not on the list. It is the result of long and careful research, and is, I think, a complete list of men possessing homes and living here in 1732. In some instances two householders lived together in a double house.

THE HOUSEHOLDER	DATE BORN	DATE MARRIED	WIFE'S NAME
Batchelder, John	July 28, 1692	Dec. 30, 1714	Abigail Cram
Batchelder, Nathaniel	Feb. 19, 1690	Feb. 24, 1717	Sarah Robie
Blake, Hezekiah	Feb. 4, 1703	Jan. 7, 1725	Joanna Fellows
Blake, Moses	——— 1682	Dec. 25, 1701	Abigail Smith

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Perkins, James	Mar. 17, 1696	Feb. 22, 1729	Shuah Nason
Pike, Joseph	——— 1706	Dec. 8, 1731	Sarah Thompson
Prescott, Jonathan	May 6, 1675	——— 1695	Elizabeth ———
Prescott, Dea. John	Nov. 19, 1681	———	Abigail Marston
Prescott, Nathaniel	Nov. 19, 1683	———	Ann Marston
Prescott, Jonathan	July 16, 1696	Apr. 3, 1721	Judith Gove

### The Town's Third and Final Move for Independence

March 8, 1736, there was read in the Assembly, the petition of Jonathan Prescott, Joseph Wadleigh and John Batchelder of the North Road, and John Weare and Ezekiel Dow of the South Road, which related the facts of the previous year, of the fire, etc., and on behalf of the 60 original signers they asked the present Assembly to carry out the promises of the previous Assembly.

April 24 both House and Council voted in favor and a committee was appointed to report back its action as to bounds, etc. on Sept. 2, 1736.

### Kensington Incorporated a Separate Parish, April 1, 1737

#### First Annual Report of the Selectmen

Jonathan Prescut    John Weare    Jeams Perkins  
Served Select men for the parish of Kensington for the year 1737

The rates We rased	L   S   D
The ministers rate	121.10. 6
The provance rate	078.10. 4
The Gift rate	106.17. 8
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	306.18. 6
 Paid out	
The ministers rate	118.00.
the provance rate	052.08.
the Gift rate	100.00.00

(Jonathan Sr. at age 62? or Jr. at age 41?)

#### HISTORY OF KENSINGTON

1742 — Paid John Sherburn 16 shillings for mending Meeting House.

1744 — For some reason the year was a very hard one with the town — they voted to raise only 131 pounds, 6 shillings, 2 pence, and of this only raised 48 pounds for Mr. Fogg and 50 pounds for the province and spent nothing on roads or schooling.

1745 — Paid Jonathan Prescott for taking census, 10 pence.

(Jonathan Sr. at age 70? or Jr. at age 49?)



### Boards of Selectmen

- 1737 Jonathan Prescut, John Weare and James Perkins
- 1738 Jonathan Prescut, Ezekiel Dow and Joseph Shaw
- 1739 James Fogg, Jonathan Dow and Samuel Page
- 1740 Robert Rowe, Nathaniel Dearborn and Ezekiel Dow
- 1741 Dea. Abraham Moulton, Ebenezer Brown and Jeremiah Eastman
- 1742 John Batchelder, Richard Sanborn and Nathan Clough
- 1743 Jonathan Dow, Philemon Blake and Samuel Page
- 1744 Hezekiah Blake, Jonathan Dow and James Fogg
- 1745 Jonathan Prescut, Samuel Clifford and Ebenezer Brown
- 1746 Edward Tuck, Josiah Brown and Jonathan Dow
- 1747 Benjamin Prescut, Samuel Page and Nathan Clough
- 1748 Lieut. Ezekiel Worthen, Ebenezer Brown and James Prescut

**Could the Jonathans have taken turns as Kensington Selectmen?**

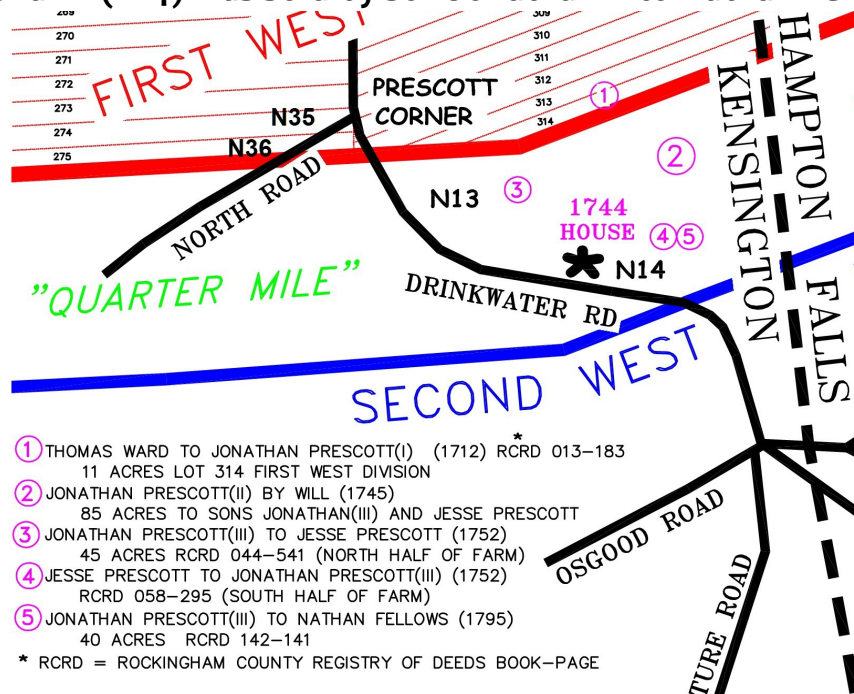
## PRESCOTT CORNER: Early Map of the First West Division, Now Kensington



<https://archive.org/details/FirstWestDivisionPlan>

Jonathan Sr.'s farm (N13) was sold by grandson Jesse to Jesse Tuck in 1773.

Jonathan Jr.'s farm (N14) was sold by son Jonathan III to Nathan Fellows in 1795.



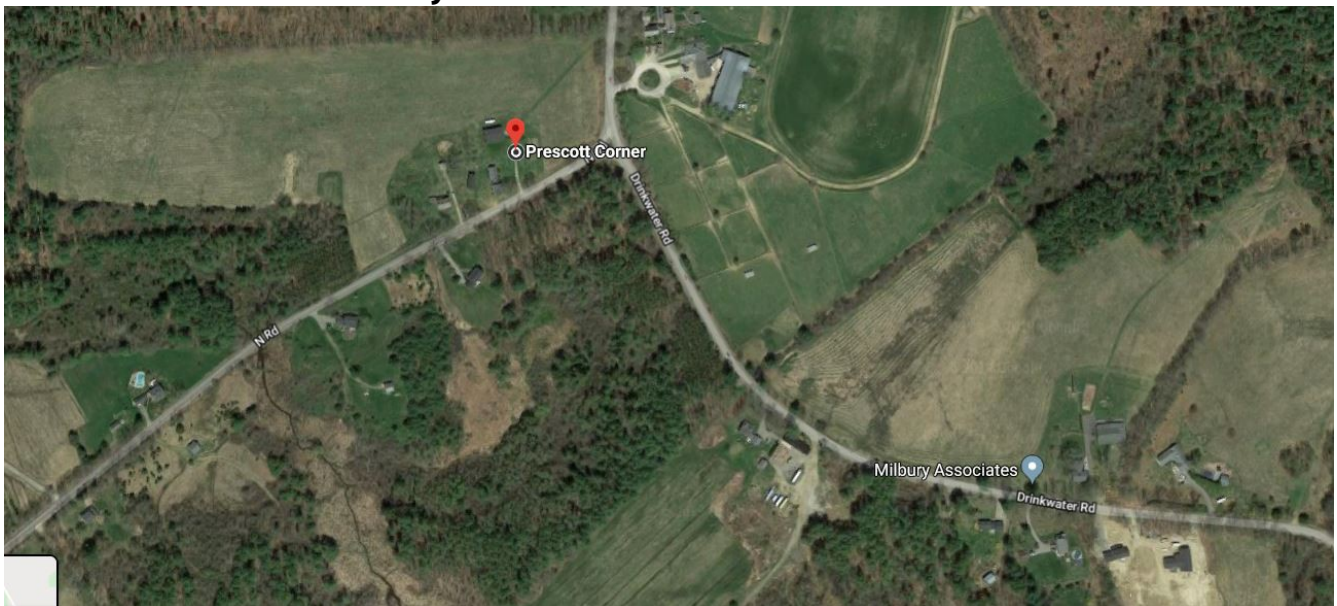


## PRESCOTT CORNER, and Captain Jonathan's 1744 House.

This 1857 Map shows Prescott farms still existing at that time. At the bottom-right is a "Mrs. Fellows", whose ancestor bought in 1795 from Jonathan III, Capt. Jonathan's son, the house that the Captain built in 1744. Fellows sold the house and farm to Dr. Rounsefell in 1918 (only 2 owners since). 1857 Rockingham County Wall Map



## PRESCOTT CORNER Today



<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Prescott+Corner,+Kensington,+NH+03833/@42.9432133,-70.9316027,658m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1sox89e2ef663024a6ad:oxde5b481a03d9d3b6!2m2!1d-70.9345003!2d42.9445332>

Capt. Jonathan's home, built in 1744, is still visibly there, located to right of the "Milbury" label. Several original Prescott farms were located on both sides of Drinkwater Road.

## The 1744 House

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### HISTORY OF KENSINGTON



#### (N 14) PRESCOTT-FELLOWS-ROUNSEFELL "Rolling Ridge"

Dr. Clifford G. and Betsy (Clow) Rounsefell

Capt. Jonathan Prescott, son of Jonathan, built this house in 1744. In 1795 his son Jonathan sold to Nathan Fellows and moved to Gilman-ton. Nathan Fellows, Jr., born 1802, inherited the place; he died in 1852 leaving a widow and 11 children. Emma L., the 8th child, married Charles R. Gove and lived here many years. Dr. Rounsefell bought in 1918 and has taken great interest in the farm and has improved to its present condition. The 1744 house was only one end of the present house; the new section was added by Nathan Fellows between 1824-1830.

#### BLACKSMITH SHOP and SCHOOL HOUSE

Down the hill once stood the Prescott blacksmith shop and the small school house, built on his land in 1774.



# The House That Captain Jonathan Prescott Built In 1744

## Lovingly Maintained By Its Present Residents





**Original fireplace, paneling, low ceiling, and wide floorboards**



**Hand hewn ceiling beams**



**Massive boulder foundation**





View of the land from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



The Barn

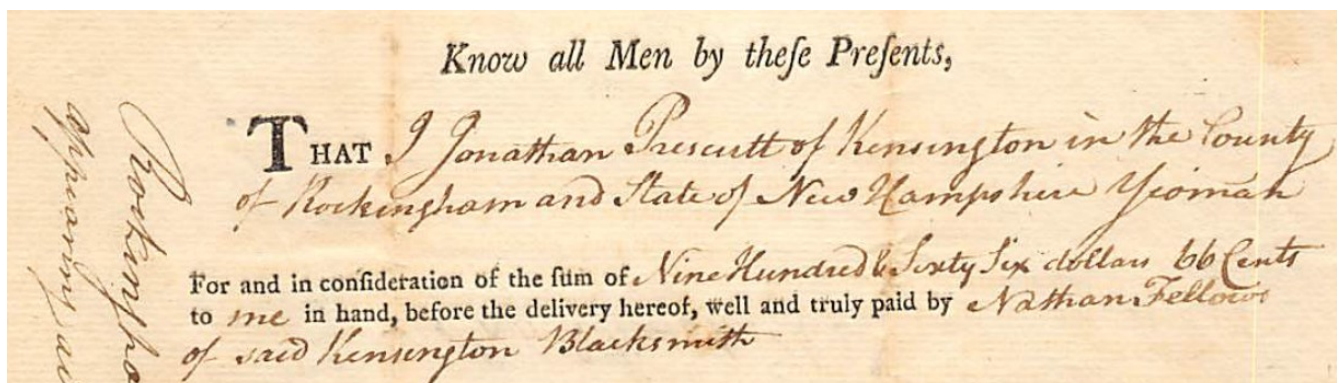


## Epilogue

The House and land is held by Captain Jonathan's son, Jonathan 3rd, until 1796 when, with this deed transfer, the farmland - gained, cleared, farmed by Jonathan 1st - and the house the Captain built, are forever conveyed from Prescott hands.

It should be noted that the property was sold to a Nathan Fellows, probably the son of Captain Jonathan's comrade in Louisbourg – Lt./Captain Nathan Fellows (see previous muster rolls).

From the 1744 House







The Kensington Library, Home Of The "Vault", Treasure Trove Of Kensington Original Documents  
THE END

**See The Documentary History of James Prescott,  
Father of Jonathan Sr., Grandfather of Captain Jonathan**